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## Their Bit Against War



## American Silkworms Become Patriotic As Women Ask for Rayon

Clerks Learn Sales Talk to Stop the  
Growing Boycott Against  
Japanese Silk

By JANICE HOWARD

SAN FRANCISCO—"American womanhood will never give up her silk stockings!"

The suave buyer in the stocking department of the Emporium, Market Street's largest department store, spoke with fervor. At last the drab business of selling stockings ceased to be merely a matter of determining which shade matches a particular woman's skin. It was a crusade, a purpose in life, a defense of American womanhood.

I assured him that "I am a part of American womanhood" and that I had given up silk stockings as my contribution towards blocking Japan's invasion of China.

Only Second Woman  
"Well," he said, "you're only the second woman who has asked. Do you think two women in San Francisco can do any good?"

I did not know then that I was fated to be "the second woman" for the remainder of the afternoon. All along the south side of Market Street, in store after store, I was told that I was "the second woman who asked" that "American womanhood will never give up her silk stockings!"

In most cases, the clerks did not even wait for me to mention the Japanese boycott when I asked for rayon, but automatically swung into seemingly electrically transcribed sales talks which could mean but one thing—they had heard the question many times before!

American Silk!  
In several instances, I learned that the clerks had been called together in a staff meeting that morning and had been given a little educational on what to tell customers when asked for rayon. It is surprising how many of the stores "have their stockings made in New York City" and therefore "their stockings are of American silk!"

It was the gentleman of the Emporium who first told me that "our silk is 'grown right here in America'."

"Where in America?" I asked. He confessed that he was not "up on his geography."

Sign of Success  
It was very heartening to me to hear this uniform line along Market Street for it revealed that THE SILK BOYCOTT WAS MAKING ITSELF FELT.

But that was not the only discovery I made that after-

noon. I discovered a fine substitute for silk. I found, after some experimentation, that by paying 49 cents and getting a size smaller than usual, it is possible to get rayon stockings that look exactly like silk, fit just as well, and wear twice as long.

In the neighborhood stores, operated by small merchants, the response to the boycott was entirely different.

One small merchant in the Fillmore district, for example, told me that he couldn't afford to boycott silk himself, although he would like to. But he did accept my suggestion that he put a sign in his window reading:

"If you are boycotting Japanese silk, buy your rayon and cotton hosiery here."

Before I left, he was putting a big display of rayon stockings similarly labeled in front of his store.

Another merchant, a Chinese, said he was going to publicize the silk stocking boycott among other Chinese merchants, and also among American merchants he knew to be sympathetic to the struggle of his people against Japanese militarism.

Labor League Prods  
Tax Scandal Probe

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Demanding further public exposure of grand jury findings in the tax scandal here, Labor's Non-Partisan League will hold a county-wide conference here Sunday, November 28, beginning at 10 a.m. in Woodmen of the World Hall.

Statements of the local press that the meeting had been called off by erroneous, Benedict Sobler, county secretary of the League said.

Details of the grand jury's findings to date will appear in next issue of the Western Worker.

## Koo Denounces Threat Of Japanese Blockade

BRUSSELS—Japan's threatened blockade, in the event of help to China by the powers in conference, here, was denounced by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo as "a barefaced threat, characteristic of the temper of the aggressor."

"It remains to be seen," said Dr. Koo, "whether the powers represented at the conference will accept dictation from Japan as to what policy they should follow in China."

Throughout the history of efforts to secure collective action against aggressor countries, the latter have consistently replied with blustering threats which assist reactionaries in democratic countries to withhold action on grounds that war would ensue.

The action proposed by China, including an embargo on ship-

## BIOFF ONCE HUNTED IN GANG KILLING

Studio Labor Czar Linked  
to Gangsters; Committee  
Blocks Questioning

LOS ANGELES—Revelations that William Bioff, international representative of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, was at one time hunted by Chicago police in a gangland murder were made here by Attorney Carey McWilliams.

At the same time, McWilliams accused reactionary members of the Assembly Capital-Labor Committee of blocking questioning of Bioff on his gangster connections, as the committee adjourned its investigation into IATSE affairs.

McWilliams said that he presented the committee chairman with an article from Chicago Daily News of July 19, 1935, which read:

"A new clew to the slayers of two-gun Louie Alterie was unearthed to day when police found the man who sold the trunk which the marksmen used to carry their guns to the Eastwood, Terrace ambush flat."

"As this developed, police were hunting Willie Bioff and Joe Montana, West Side gunmen, thinking they might have knowledge of the ambush which was worked out with all the loving care and attention to detail which Frank (the Enforcer) Nitti was wont to use in erasing enemies of the Capone Syndicate."

The article also said: "Bioff used to serve as a handy man for Jack Zuta, West Side vice monger, and he was later associated with 'Dago Lawrence' Mangano and other West Side hoodlums."

McWilliams said that although he presented this sensational evidence, the committee declined to have Bioff interrogated about that line.

Speaking at hearing, Pat Casey, producer-labor coordinator in the film industry, admitted that the so-called closed shop agreement with the IATSE was a "gentleman's agreement." Casey was almost arrested for contempt when he refused to divulge his salary. Finally, it was handed in in writing at \$87,000 per year.

Harry Warner, president of Warner Bros. Inc., confessed ignorance of the closed shop contract. He seemed to know little about the workings of his studio.

"I only tell them how much they have to spend," he said. "How they spend it I don't know."

LOS ANGELES—Aided by three members of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Capital, William Bioff, local representative of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, escaped questioning last Wednesday about his reported connections with Chicago gangsters.

Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney's attempts to question Bioff concerning "allegations of gangster connections" were blocked.

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## Machine Bleeds Negro People

Western Worker Exposes Sweetman's Role As 'Whip Man' for Bankers

By ACE WILLIAMS

LOS ANGELES—Worry has upset the vice overlords who operate the rackets among this city's 50,000 or more Negro people for the Shaw-Fitts-Davis machine.

Cause for worry is twofold: (1) a decline in revenue netted by prostitution, gambling, dope, and assorted vice from about \$30,000 to 12 to 15 thousand dollars monthly; (2) rising revolt against the corrupt city administration by progressives within the NAACP, Urban League, church and civic groups, labor organizations, and allied associations, under the leadership of progressives such as the Rev. Mr. Lightner, Pettis Perry.

Leon Washington, Clarence Johnson, Floyd Covington, et al. Chief worrier is the Negro-hating, Texan born and reared

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following publication of a story on prostitution and vice in the Central Avenue district by a Los Angeles correspondent, the Western Worker sent its special investigator, ACE WILLIAMS, into the Negro community to make an exhaustive study of conditions there. This story is the result of a two-month's investigation.

Police Lieutenant Sidney Sweetman, who in his official capacity of machine-stooge No. 1 and li-

son man in the Central Avenue district, must make vice pay among Negroes or else.

Worrying with Copper Sweetman are Lucius Lomax, slickest and ablest Negro underworld king; N. B. Murray and Rich Baker, small-time racketeers who take orders from Lomax and Sweetman; Dr. Claude Hudson, former bureaucratic NAACP president, whose do-nothing policy was chiefly responsible for the NAACP's loss of influence among the Negro people; Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, editor of the California Eagle and leading mouthpiece for the reactionary city officials; Rev. Mr. Griffith, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and eloquent tool of the Harry Chandler-California Bank-Louis B. Mayer combine

who really control the pulse of Southern California; Walter Lawson, publicity man for the Tory invented "Women's Breakfast Club" and small-town political hack; and a host of other satellites who bask in the rays from the incumbent administration and thrive on the set-up provided by Mr. Fitts' adroit maneuvers.

Strange Bedfellows  
A pretty hodge-podge this! And strange that the politics of vice should make bedfellows of such dissimilar people. But economic facts do strange things to the mis-named leaders of an exploited minority people, as any study of Negro communities in other cities will show. How persons whom the Negroes of Los (Continued on Page 6, Col. 2)

## SHOTS FIRED BY THUGS IN 4TH ATTACK

Hoodlums Shower Rocks  
and Stench Bombs at  
Lincoln Hall Forum

SAN BERNARDINO—Vigilante terror again struck here last Wednesday night when a band of 50 thugs attempted to break up a meeting of the Modern Open Forum held in the Lincoln Hall.

Three men were injured, one seriously, when members of the audience fought through a barrage of stench bombs and rocks and beat off the hoodlums led by the teamsters' "goons."

Daniel Coleman, 55, Elan Turnblom, 35, and Matt Bobie, 27, were the three men most seriously beaten by the assailants. Bobie, beaten over the head with an iron pipe, was taken to the San Bernardino hospital with an ugly gash in his head.

Speaker Hurt  
W. W. Betts, chief speaker in the evening's discussion on "The Undeclared War in China," received burns from stench bomb chemicals. Six gun shots were fired by the attackers as they sought to invade the hall.

Despite previous promises of Police Chief Hayden, no police protection was given the meeting. Hayden had promised that two cops would be stationed in front of the building.

Wednesday night's attack by the hoodlums marks the fourth time since November 8. In none of the cases have police taken any steps to apprehend the criminals.

Thugs Attack  
The meeting which had been attended by close to 100 persons, was drawing to a close when the gang of thugs let loose a fusillade of rocks, followed by another of stench bombs. Many persons in the hall were showered by breaking glass and the searing chemicals in the bombs.

As the attackers attempted to force their way into the rear of the hall, members of the audience rushed to the back doors and successfully fought them off.

The struggle ended with the goons retreating down the back alley and over a fence.

In addition to the three seriously injured men, many others received cuts and bruises and a score or more members of the audience had their eyes injured from the stench bombs.

Former Attacks  
Similar vigilante attacks on workers' meetings occurred here on November 8, 12, and 15. A meeting called to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution on November 8 was broken when armed thugs beat up Pat Chambers, recently freed C. S. prisoner.

On November 12, a car full of men drove up in front of the Lincoln Hall where a Workers' Alliance meeting was being held. Rocks were thrown which shattered windows of a bookshop in front of the hall.

Again on November 15, Mrs. Perry Rahal, wife of the Alliance Secretary, was brutally beaten by vigilantes. Protests against the vigilantism have been made to Mayor C. T. Johnson and to the police chief. Attempts are being made to hold a mass protest meeting in the near future. Also looming on the horizon are two law suits to be instituted against city officials.

(Earlier details on Page 6.)

Coppers Sell  
Police Journal

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17—Less traffic tickets are being issued by L. A. police but more copies of the annual police publication, "The Guardian," are being sold, and in this, City Councilman Evan Lewis saw a direct relationship according to charges he presented to his colleagues here this week.

Supporting the charges of Lewis was Councilman Earl C. Gay, who said that 30 police were exclusively engaged in stopping traffic violators and selling them three-dollar copies of "The Guardian" in exchange for "forgetting" the violation.

## FRENCH STOP FASCIST PLOT

Concealed Arms Cache Is  
Linked With Germans

PARIS—More than 200 illegal radio stations were discovered by Surete police near strategic ports and military centers as raids against a nationwide fascist network proceeded.

Jacques Duclos, Communist leader, demanded in the Chamber of Deputies that Col. Francois de la Rocque and Premier Andre Tardieu be arrested. The latter admitted in a recent trial that he financed the fascists out of government funds when he was in office.

PARIS—Fascist organizations, preparing to strike in France as they did more than a year ago in Spain, were caught with the weapons of murder in their hands here.

A police raid unearthed a camouflaged bomb-proof "post of command," bristling with machine guns, sub-machine guns, hand grenades and more than 100,000 cartridges. Rene Anceaux, former divisional president of the notorious Croix de Feu, was under arrest along with five others.

Strongly under suspicion are Col. Francois de la Rocque, head of the former Croix de Feu, as well as a number of leading French reactionaries in official and semi-official positions.

Convinced that the cache was part of a nation-wide organization, more than 450 separate raids have been ordered by the Surete Nationale to uncover its ramifications.

Worked in Secrecy

Authorities attributed the fascist activity to an organization known as "Les Cagoulards," formed in secret after the outlawing of open fascist movements in France. This body is known to be the rallying center through which French fascist supporters receive aid from Germany and collaborate with the fascists in Italy and Spain.

The bomb-proof headquarters was discovered through a casual raid by police. While it was in progress a truck entered the building, loaded with arms and ammunition, its driver unaware of the presence of police.

Leader Confesses

Anceaux, according to police, surrendered plans showing that he had supervised the construction of the veritable fortress. Jean Vasselien, a fascist also under arrest as a result of the discovery, was quoted by police as admitting that he had helped to build other bomb-proof shelters in the heart of Paris. One of these was found in the basement of a garage owned by a royalist. Vasselien said that it had been formerly used as an arms storehouse.

The same "Cagoulard" organization was held by police to be responsible for the provocative bombing of the headquarters of two employers' syndicates buildings more than a month ago.

## Tories Conspire to Block FDR Program

Filibuster on Anti-Lynch, Wage-Hour  
Bills In Drive On People

WASHINGTON—While a filibuster was in progress in the Senate against the anti-lynching bill and while the House rules committee continued to obstruct debate of the wages and hours bill, the reactionary bloc in the Senate launched a drive to wipe out virtually all trace of the excess profits tax.

Admittedly participating in a filibuster against the anti-lynch bill, Senator Josiah Bailey (D., N. C.), took occasion to set forth the essentials of the program around which the reactionaries are rallying, including the virtual repeal of the tax and: 1. Relaxation of government "competition" and "interference" with business.

Drive Against Labor  
2. Government action against labor unions, particularly against the sitdown strike.

This program was being brought forward as a means of avoiding business "calamity." Aside from the rules committee's deliberate stalling in the administration's announced program was furthered by failure of the Senate agriculture committee to finish its deliberations and report the bill for debate.

The stalling on the wages and hours bill, already passed by the House, was helped along by the uncertain position of the American Federation of Labor.

Combats Stalling

Attempting to get the bill out of rules committee, Chairman Mary T. Norton (D., N. J.), of the Labor Committee began circulation of a petition which would automatically bring it to the floor if signed by a majority of the House members.

By Thursday, 105 of the necessary 218 signatures had been secured. That the delay on the part of the rules committee was deliberate stalling, since that committee has no power to act on the bill in any way except to pass it on for debate. It was favorably reported by the labor committee before the end of the last session.

The rules committee consists of five southern Democrats and five Republicans.

(Anti-Lynch Filibuster story on Page 2.)

## Timber State Comes Through With Daily Funds

SAN FRANCISCO—At last Washington has been heard from in the drive for a daily Western Worker!

The keeper of the chart which records the standings in the financial drive has removed that zero which has stood for two months next to Washington and has put in \$571,281.

Good for Washington! That leaves the Northwest \$1,928,72 to go.

## CHIANG LEADS CHINA TROOPS

Munitions From England  
Reach Defenders

SHANGHAI—An army of 200,000 Chinese was reported gathering at Nanking and on defense lines to the westward which have at least temporarily halted the Japanese advance from Shanghai.

Two new indications of China's unbroken determination were a source of new confidence:

One was that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, whose superior ability as a military leader was demonstrated during the nationalist campaign prior to 1927, was reported to have resigned from the presidency of China in order to take direct command of the far-flung defense lines.

Another was the disclosure that virtually unlimited arms shipments are reaching China from private munition manufacturers of England.

Although Nanking and the approaches to it were apparently to be the scene of bitter defensive battles, practically all the departments of the government were being evacuated. Remaining in the city, however, were Chiang and the member of the supreme war council.

Alameda Pottery  
Workers Strike

ALAMEDA—Demanding union recognition, wage increases and shorter hours, 120 workers walked out on strike last Monday at N. Clark & Son pottery works under leadership of CIO Industrial Union Local 96.

## San Diego Menaced by Anti-Picket Ordinance

SAN DIEGO—The city council met next Tuesday, 2 p.m., for an open hearing on an anti-picket ordinance that would limit pickets to employees of the establishment being picketed and would compel all pickets to register with the police.

The Council received a petition with 800 names attached from one C. Leon DeAryan in support of the ordinance. DeAryan publishes a weekly anti-labor paper but claims to represent a consumers' organization in this instance.

Fake Organization  
Labor leaders who investigated the organization DeAryan says he represents reported that all the offices were held by DeAryan, his family or employees and that they could find no one who would admit that they were members.

Hugh Saunders, a local attorney who recently represented employers in injunction proceedings against striking unions, told the council he was representing a group of employers interested in such an ordinance.

O. C. Hietman, one-time president of the central labor council, spoke for the AFL, presenting the view that the present ordinance was adequate. One of the City Councilmen asked Hietman directly if the present ordinance was satisfactory and received a positive "Yes" in reply.

The present ordinance prevents all picketing and forces strikers to masquerade as newshawks.

Unity on Issue Rejected  
A representative of the Industrial Council spoke briefly and stated the CIO would be well represented at the Tuesday hearing.

Morrie Smolan, CIO organizer, stated the CIO approached AFL leaders with a proposal to conduct a joint campaign to prevent adoption of the ordinance but had been met with a flat refusal.

"If this goes over the AFL leaders will be responsible for it," stated Smolan.

## Something NEW!

Beginning with the issue of Nov. 29, a new feature will appear in the Western Worker under the heading, "Counsel for the People." It will deal with the various rights of the people under the law and will interpret legislation.

Some of the immediate problems which it will discuss are the Wagner Act, workmen's compensation and pension acts, your rights on the picket line, eviction laws, and civil rights for the Negro people.

Watch for this instructive column. If your union or you have any questions involving your legal rights, send them in and have them answered.



# Slave Issue Not Dead In L. A. Labor Camps

## Wages Is Alliance Demand

**Unions Warned of Menace  
to Pay Structure of All  
Employed Workers**

LOS ANGELES — Fought out in the Civil War, the question whether a system of paid or slave labor shall prevail is once more being contested by the State Relief Administration, which is exiling hundreds of single men to concentration camps.

This is the contention of J. L. Clifton, camp organizer for the Workers' Alliance, who together with other representatives of the Alliance and the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers (CIO) met with the Citizens' Relief Committee last Monday to present demands.

**Want Pay for Work**  
Principal demand is that work without compensation be abolished. The Alliance is asking:

(a) that able-bodied men in camps be absorbed by WPA until they can be employed in private industry; (b) that the physically handicapped be given proper hospitalization; (c) that those enrollees who may be required to remain in camp be paid the prevailing wage for the class of work they are doing.

Clayton Triggs, LACRA administrator, has promised absorption of Class A men by the WPA within a month.

**Broke Pledge**

But as evidence of bad faith on his part, four of the camp committeemen who waited upon him previously, including Clifton, have been shifted to other camps as "trouble-makers" and "sore-heads." Two of the committeemen were later kicked out of the camps for their organizational activity.

The camp set-up constitutes a threat chiefly to organized labor, by decreasing the general wage level, and subsequently lowering living standards.

"If labor submits meekly," says Clifton, "the camps will spread. Payment of WPA wages will no longer be necessary and huge reservoirs of free labor will be built up."

Clifton told of working side by side with county forestry workers who are paid \$4.75 a day.

**Employed Threatened**

"How long do you think they will continue to draw \$4.75 a day, when the county learns we are doing the work for nothing?"

Other demands made upon LACRA include:

1. An adequate and wholesome diet, including milk and meat.  
2. Better housing, with abolition of double-deck bunks, weatherproofing of barracks, etc.  
3. Medical examination and segregation of diseased.

A man worked in the mess hall several weeks, before the return of his Wasserman test showed him to be a plus-4 venereal case," Clifton claims.

4. Discontinuance of the pass system and provision for adequate transportation to town.  
5. Educational and recreational facilities.

6. No discrimination for race, color or religious and political beliefs.

The Citizens' Relief Committee has promised to present its answer to the demands at a later meeting.

Camps are located at Big Tujunga, Little Tujunga, Allandale Park, Bouquet Canyon, Picoima, Warm Springs, and Santa Ana Canyon.

### GERMANS ON RELIEF

BERLIN—Gebbels and Hitler, while reporting to a fascist meeting last month celebrating the opening of the so-called "winter aid" campaign, made official admissions that 161 out of every thousand Germans were dependent on relief last winter.

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Editor, Western Worker:

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Your correspondent here informed you of the shooting of an unemployed worker last Christmas, which he used to emphasize the disgraceful character of official grafting. This did not happen in San Luis Obispo County, as your editorial says it did. Consequently, anyone reading your editorial on the subject would discredit the entire argument, even though the essential part relating to the tax shortage is true.

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## McDonoughs Lose Round By Ruling of U. S. Webb

SAN FRANCISCO—Tom McDonough, brother of the notorious Pete, can be denied a bail bond licence without the formality of a hearing, it was ruled by Attorney General U. S. Webb Wednesday.

Indications were strong that both he and other members of the McDonough firm would be denied permits either as solicitors or as operators. Webb ruled that Insurance Commissioner Samuel L. Carpenter Jr. needed to be "satisfied affirmatively that the applicant is a person of good moral character and a fit and proper person to receive the license." He continued that "if facts within your knowledge convince you that the applicant does not possess these qualifications, then it is within your power, and indeed it is your duty, to deny the license or permit."

Refusal of licenses to the McDonoughs would open the way to complete closing of the business which the Atherton report and Grand Jury investigation disclosed as connected directly with widespread police graft through protection of prostitution and gambling.

## Anti-Lynch Law Faces Threat of Filibuster

**Southern Senators Disregard Majority  
Sentiment; Stall Legislation**

WASHINGTON—The Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill, placed at the top of the Senate calendar in the closing days of last session, met with a filibuster that threatened to extend throughout the first week of the special session.

Popular sentiment behind the bill was indicated by a report of the American Institute of Public Opinion, whose survey showed sentiment favoring anti-lynch legislation even in the South. On a nation-wide basis it was 70 per cent in favor.

Southern senators, riding high on the renewed barrage of charges of "rubber stamping" administration measures, flouted all consideration for legislation on farm, labor and other urgent measures by deliberate stalling to take up time.

**Van Nuys Confident**  
Although Senator Van Nuys, one of the bill's authors, said that affirmative votes of 70 senators were more than enough to pass it, Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina opened the filibuster with a 90-minute speech. Senator Tom Connally of Texas then held the floor until adjournment of Wednesday's session.

**Would Penalize Lynchers**  
The bill would levy fines or imprisonment against law enforcement officers who fail to take any action to enforce the law against mob violence or who conspire with lynchers and would make the counties responsible financially up to \$10,000 to the victims of lynch brutality or to their relatives.

Its essentials were embodied in the Gavigan bill already passed by the House.

## Court to Rule on Making C. P. List Of Members Public

BOSTON—The Supreme Court of Massachusetts is scheduled to render a decision here as to whether or not the Communist Party of this state is legally required to make public its membership lists as ordered by the legislative committee investigating minority parties.

Thomas Shea, attorney representing the Party, and Phil Frankfield, Party state secretary, appeared before Judge Donohue of the court to challenge the ruling of the committee.

### FIERY CELEBRATION

SHANGHAI — With shrieking shells and airplane bombs of invading Japanese rocking every dwelling here on Sunday, this battle scarred Chinese city marked the 20th anniversary of the USSR at a number of big mass meetings.

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## Civil Service Flouted by L. A. Council

LOS ANGELES—While 19,000 city employees faced a delay in receiving their pay checks totaling \$1,500,000, city councilmen here last Monday spent city-paid time raising a furor over their right to "confidential" private secretaries rather than to face the charge that the city had violated Civil Service regulations in a wholesale fashion.

City Attorney Ray L. Chessbro ruled that the 19,000 were illegally hired and said that Controller Dan O. Hoye would be liable to a taxpayers' suit if he paid out the money.

For two and a half hours the city fathers outdid themselves in typical councilmanic "humor," and Councilman James H. Hyde lamented: "We would be placed in a position, perhaps, of being forced to accept a secretary who had worked to defeat us in the election."

The council defended its policy as "discretionary power" and adopted a report submitted by Hyde as chairman of the personnel committee, saying "The judgment or opinion of the city attorney upon matters subject to the discretion and judgment of the city council has no more effect than the judgment of any other citizen."

## Five Workers Are Convicted on Old Salt Lake Charge

SALT LAKE CITY—Five defendants in the case arising out of a police attack on an Unemployment Council committee on August 21, 1935, were found guilty here of "participation in a riot" and face maximum sentences of two years in the state penitentiary.

Convictions in an earlier trial in November, 1935, had been set aside by the State Supreme Court last summer and a new trial was granted on the grounds that the prosecution had introduced prejudicial matter when it falsely stressed the connection between the defendants and the Communist Party.

No direct mention of the Communist Party was made in the second trial, but outside that technically the district attorney gave a vicious red-baiting speech to the jury, shouting that the United States government was in danger of attack from persons such as the defendants who adhered to a certain "political philosophy."

A new appeal will be filed on grounds of prejudicial matter put before the jury.

## S. F. Grants Hall For Fascist Talk

SAN FRANCISCO — For the speech of a fascist sympathizer, the City of San Francisco has allowed the use of Veterans' Auditorium here. Innocently entitled "Reminiscences of a Trip Through Spain During the Civil War," the meeting is sponsored by the University of San Francisco, a Catholic school, and is scheduled November 23.

Unions and organizations sympathetic to democracy are expected to protest the use of the city-owned hall.

## Market Street Railway Told to Repair Tracks Or Face Legal Action

**Supervisors Vote to Keep 19th Avenue  
Free From Car Lines; Worden Hits  
Flouting of City Franchise**

SAN FRANCISCO—Unless the Market Street Railway Company begins to repair its tracks and pave its roadbeds as its franchise from the city provides, court action may be undertaken to force it to do so.

This threat was made by Supervisor Dewey Mead, followed by a letter from Chief Administrative Officer Cleary to Samuel Kahn, president of the company, calling upon the latter to advance a program for the repair work within two weeks.

A strong undercurrent of intimidation that the Market Street Company could either live up to its contract or forfeit its franchise, accompanied the debate in the Board of Supervisors' meeting Monday, November 15.

The Board voted, 8 to 1, to refuse an expenditure of more than \$4000 to reconstruct the company's tracks on 19th Avenue in the block south of Sloat Boulevard when 19th Avenue becomes one of the main approaches to the Golden Gate Bridge.

The franchise on the short strip had expired in 1932. The supervisors' action will stop the No. 17 car line a block short of its connection with Sloat Boulevard. Re-routing of Municipal cars or the use of busses, said Utilities Manager Cahill, will assure transportation facilities for the people who would otherwise use that strip of the line.

**Worden Cites Violations**

A year ago Public Works Director William H. Worden gave the board extensive figures showing violations of the Market Street Company's obligations on every line it operates. In many cases, his report showed, tracks are in use where safety of car passengers is directly threatened.

Since that time, Worden told the Supervisors Monday, repair work of the company has been only of a surface nature, ignoring the fact that miles of trackage has unstable foundation, below-level rails or worn out paving.

The report a year ago showed that more than a million dollars' worth of repair work was necessary to put tracks and adjoining pavement in order.

The franchises, on the other hand, provide that the Company shall be responsible to keep trackage in safe condition and pavement between and immediately adjacent to the tracks in good repair.

## Communist May be Elected in N. Y. Councilmanic Race

NEW YORK—Peter V. Cacchione, Communist candidate for city council from Brooklyn, was virtually assured of election as the ballot counting of the proportional representation vote proceeded here.

Cacchione was third in the count, where probabilities were that the total vote cast would bring the election of at least nine. Heading the list was Louis Hollander, American Labor Party candidate, with two other ALP candidates in the first eight.

B. Charney Vladeck, ALP, was running fourth in Manhattan. In the Bronx, Michael Quill and Salvatore Ninio, ALP, were in second and third places.

All indications were that the total Communist vote would surpass all previous records in New York. In addition to the Labor Party candidates, several liberal candidates of the Fusion Party and Citizen's Non-Partisan League were standing high in the count.

With widespread stealing of votes reported at the central counting place, Mayor LaGuardia sent in police inspectors to investigate. Several arrests were made of canvassers through whose hands passed more than 10,000 ballots on which tampering was suspected. In virtually all cases, the tampering resulted in gains for reactionary Democrat or Republican candidates.

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# Unions Urging Hull to Uphold China Position

**Women Move to Front Lines**



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## Boycott Of Japan Promoted

**San Francisco Stores Are  
Asked to Display  
Posters**

SAN FRANCISCO—A meeting of the sub-committee of the United States Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods voted to send a wire immediately to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, urging the state department to give serious consideration to the proposals outlined by Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese delegate to the Brussels conference.

The proposals of Dr. Koo were:

1. An embargo on supplying Japan with materials essential to war or for industrial purposes.
2. Boycott on Japanese exports and Japanese shipping.
3. Refusal to give credit to Japan.
4. Extension of aid to China by supplying her with war materials and credit.

Committees last week were visiting merchants to urge them to display the posters now being printed in the boycott campaign. It will show the picture of a falling aerial bomb on which is inscribed: "We do not sell Japanese goods."

**Spread Movement**

A speakers' committee was contacting additional unions and other organizations to extend mass support for the boycott campaign and to secure additional organizational affiliations to the delegated Boycott Committee which was formed November 7 at a conference of unions, fraternal and other organizations meeting at Chinese Native Sons' Hall.

While a picketing committee has not yet been formed, announced Walter J. Stack, publicity director, it will be organized to enforce the boycott against merchants who refuse to display the boycott poster and live up to it.

## Oliver Pledges Labor's Support to U. S. Farmers

WASHINGTON—Full support will be given by organized labor to the farmers in their efforts to secure national, state and county farm legislation, E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, pledged in a speech to the South Dakota Conference for Progressive Legislation at Mitchell, S. D.

The speech, made public through the league's national office here, was regarded as significant in that it set forth the terms of working political alliance between farmers and workers. Similar views were voiced by Oliver in speaking to the Minnesota Farm Conference recently.

"Labor's Non-Partisan League will support the program of the farmers of the United States in every possible way," Oliver told the South Dakota group. "We will be for you in every industrial district in the United States. We will insist that congressmen and legislators who represent city workers must vote with the farmer representative

tives to protect farmer interests.

"It is the primary interest of both groups of producers to demand that production be efficiently controlled, that prices be not juggled, and that profits be no more than a reasonable return to investors," Oliver continued. "Here is a common aim, a joint purpose, within which the interests of farmers and wage earners are identical, and which far exceeds in importance the points in which their interests conflict."

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# Mussolini's Intrigue Links Brazil In Bloc

Fascist Agent Starts Negotiations With Vargas Man

ROME.—The Brazilian Ambassador to Rome, Adalberto Guerra-Duval, held a lengthy conference with Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano at the Foreign Office late today.

Guerra-Duval, acting on instructions from President Getulio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro, discussed the relations of the new fascist state in Brazil with the fascist war bloc.

Hinting that Brazil will eventually adhere to the Tokyo-Rome-Berlin military alliance, Brazilian official quarters in Rome stated that other decisions had to be dealt with first in reorganizing the Brazilian state.

The Ambassador was reported to have given Ciano a detailed explanation of Vargas' new open fascist policies which will hold sway in Brazil.

It was also believed that the Vargas envoy discussed how the 600,000 persons of Italian descent living in Brazil could be rallied behind the Vargas dictatorship.

Ciano told Guerra-Duval that Italy has the "fullest sympathy" for the new regime, the first major success in the Western Hemisphere of the "anti-Communist" war alliance of the three main fascist powers of Europe and Asia.

While Guerra-Duval was in conference with Ciano the fascist newspaper Il Tevere appeared with the editorial statement that Brazil's abandonment of democratic government was a "severe blow" to the Pan-American policy of U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Of Brazil's change of government, Il Tevere stated: "The greatest nation in Latin America has rejected democratic illusions and democratic lies. There is no health in Cordell Hull's democracy. . . . We present our condolences to the illustrious Cordell Hull but our spirit is happy."

## Mexico Peons Get Lands of Standard Oil

Cardenas Declares Leased Lands Are National Property

MEXICO CITY.—After carrying through a land distribution program in San Luis Potosi, Pres. Lazaro Cardenas has decreed nationalization of 350,000 acres of oil lands under lease to the Standard Oil Co. of California. This is part of the nationalization of 1,000,000 acres of oil lands in Tabasco, Campeche and Chiapas.

Government agrarian experts are expropriating rich landed estates in Sonora and allotting them to the peons.

The governor of Sonora is reactionary Gen. Juan Yocupicio, Mexican labor's Enemy No. 2, and strongly opposed to the Cardenas land reform program. The division will hit primarily Yaqui Valley estates of irrigated cotton, rice and wheat land. Huge haciendas are owned by Americans such as Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney and John Hays Hammond.

In Tamaulipas, two large haciendas have just been expropriated and divided among the peasants of the villages La Libertad and Mission Unidas.

More land has been distributed among landless peasants during three years of Cardenas administration than in the 15 preceding years. And indications are that this is only a beginning. Since Cardenas took office, 24,410,000 acres of land have been turned over to the peasants.

## Quebec Premier Padlocks Progressive Paper

MONTREAL, Canada.—An open admirer of fascism, Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec has opened a campaign for the suppression of radical meetings and the padlocking of halls.

Armed with Quebec's notorious padlock law, which provides that property used for dissemination of "propaganda tending to promote Communism" may be padlocked under the police power, the premier ordered a raid on the offices and printing plant of the leftist French-language paper, La Clarte, published here. Literature and equipment were seized and the plant and office were padlocked.

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## World Front

# Brazil Dictatorship Is the First Fruit Of Alliance for War

By HARRY GANNES

The Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis has spanned the Atlantic and has created a fascist dictatorship in Brazil.

Ironically, the United States which was considered by the unwary as safely isolated from fascist war machinations is thus the first democratic nation most seriously threatened by the overt acts of the new war alliance.

Just as certainly as Hitler and Mussolini intervened in Spain to initiate the civil war and carry it forward for Gen. Francisco Franco, the Italian and German embassies in Rio de Janeiro co-operated with Dictator Getulio Vargas to stamp the iron heel of Fascism onto the Brazilian people.

## All America Dangered

Fascism in Brazil can hope to perpetuate itself only by unceasing plotting of the Nazis and Italian fascists in other Latin American countries and by direct encroachments on democracy in the United States. This is the real warning of the coup of Vargas.

Existence of fascism in Brazil can never be evaluated as a Brazilian matter. Primarily the people of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Mexico and the United States are threatened.

Vargas executed his coup, on orders of the Nazi, Italian and Japanese embassies in Rio, because his fascist advisers feared to wait any longer in view of the forthcoming January presidential elections.

The Brazilian army is split wide open on the question, large sections of the armed forces remaining anti-fascist. But with the coup accomplished Vargas hopes to root out all opposition.

Furthermore, the economic structure of Brazil, a huge semi-colonial country, oppressed by foreign imperialism and native feudalism, offers a shaky foundation for the fascist regime.

## Reserves of Regime

Fascism in Brazil relies chiefly on the following reserves:

The 750,000 Integralistas, Green Shirts (allegedly disbanded) who in turn are largely drawn from the Italians, Germans and Japanese in Brazil. There are 800,000 descendants of Italian immigrants in Brazil. Mussolini looks to them for help. There are 800,000 Germans. Hitler hopes they will offer Vargas a safe reserve.

And there are 500,000 Japanese. The Japanese immigration into Brazil is particularly significant. In 1935, 200,000 Japanese were transported to Brazil. Most of them were chosen for their military background.

Besides, Hitler and the Japanese have been building airplane bases all over Brazil for a possible war involving the United States.

The Nazis and other foreign fascist agents work not so much through Vargas as they do through Gen. Goes Monteiro, chief of staff of the Brazilian army. Gen. Monteiro spends more time in the Nazi embassy than he does in the army general headquarters.

The most reactionary American capitalists, the imperialist corporations in Brazil, welcome the Vargas fascist coup. They will join with the European and Japanese fascist invaders to further the movement. They expect that their fortunes will be protected against a possible Brazilian Cardenas and they anticipate that reaction in Latin America will spur the ambitious fascist elements in the United States.

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## WOMAN PEACE LEADER SAILS FOR AMERICA

French Envoy to League Will Speak at U. S. Peace Congress

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Madame Malaterre-Sellier, French delegate to the League of Nations; His Excellency Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, and Ludwig Renn, famous German peace leader, now an exile from Nazi-land, are among the distinguished leaders who will address the People's Congress for Democracy and Peace here November 26-28.

Madame Sellier is an outstanding woman leader of the French anti-war movement and is permanent delegate to the League of Nations. She is also one of the noted personalities of the International Peace Campaign and took a very important part in the proceedings of the Brussels Peace Congress last year.

Spanish Envoys

The Spanish Ambassador has become well known and deeply loved by many American citizens as the representative of the Spanish government in this country. Ludwig Renn, now on tour throughout the United States, had to leave Germany after being imprisoned for his staunch stand for peace and has recently aided the loyalists in Spain.

The People's Congress constitutes the 4th National Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism and will bring together several thousand delegates from all sections of the country and representing every walk of life. It has received endorsement of famous leaders in many fields of activity. The most recent is Professor Albert Einstein of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. Self-exiled from Nazi Germany he has championed the cause of democracy with great courage.

## Union Support

Mrs. David Turets, executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Committee of the American League, reported that many local organizations and leaders are pledging strong support to the forthcoming People's Congress for Democracy and Peace. A conference of representatives of 54 fraternal organizations has promised the support of a combined membership of over 32,000 members.

Many local unions and district councils are electing their delegates and planning to attend the mass meeting on Friday night in a body.

AFL Central Labor Union and CIO Councils of the state are swinging behind the drive to bring thousands of people to the Congress. The Convention and Tourist Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with the local League Committee in making arrangements for halls, hotels, and reception of delegates.

University Dean of Cuba Tortured

HAVANA, Cuba.—After a short period of peace in Cuba, a new terror has begun. Several days ago, Dr. Rodolfo Mendez Penate, highly respected liberal vice-dean of the University of Havana, was set upon by members of Dictator Batista's terrorist squad.

Dr. Penate was beaten, tortured and fed forcibly with airplane oil; he is now lying in a very grave state of illness in his home. In addition to this attack, several students and intellectuals have been beaten.

The uncle of Dr. Penate is the locally well known Dr. Fabian Garcia, a Cuban exile residing in Los Angeles. Dr. Garcia is noted on the Pacific Coast as a lecturer on Latin-American affairs and the menace of fascism in this sphere.

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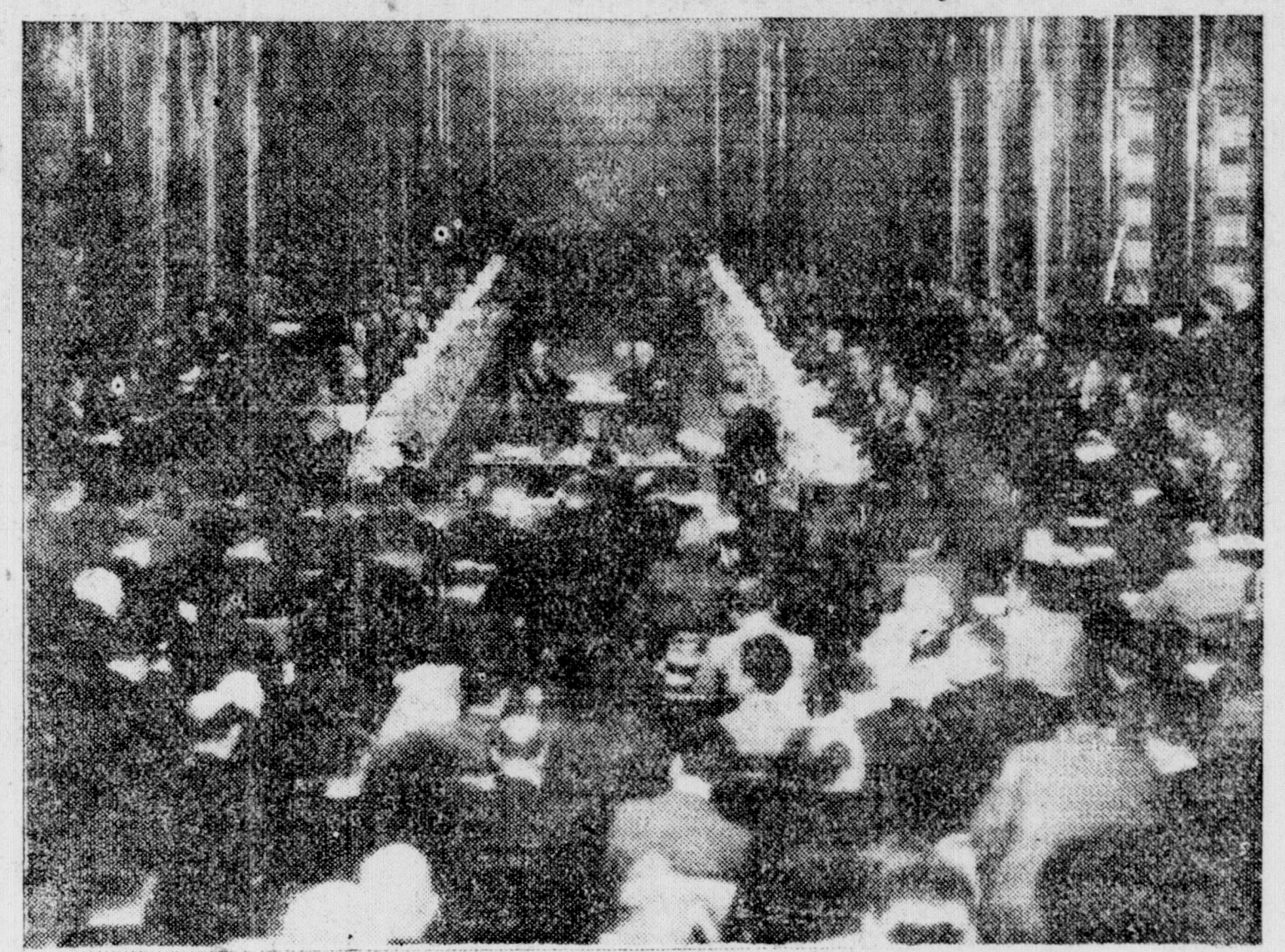
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## First Session of Nine-Power Parley in Brussels



DELEGATES OF 14 nations and their aides assembled to discuss the Far Eastern situation, after President Roosevelt's appeal to the world to stop aggression into peaceful countries.

## A SOVIET JOURNEY

Noted Californian Writer Tells of His Impressions

By ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

MOSCOW.—Twenty years ago, on the eve of the great Socialist Revolution, I made a long journey through the Russian land. Everywhere, in that fateful autumn of 1917—in the Ukraine, on the Volga boats, in the straw thatched izbas of Vladimir—there was one subject of general interest and discussion. That was the forthcoming Congress of Soviets of Workers and Soldiers Deputies. Will they assume state power? How long will they last—a week, a month, a year, a decade?

Now, in the autumn of 1937, I have completed another long journey through the Soviet land. And again I have found the masses preoccupied with a single subject. This time the theme of

general interest and discussion was the coming December elections to the Supreme Soviet.

## Songs and Ballads

In the village of Yelshanko a sudden rainstorm drove me to seek shelter in the first log-house available. It was crowded with the women of the "Torch of Socialism" collective farm listening to a discourse on the art of balloting, alternating a period of questions with an interlude for tea, apples, songs and dancing—then up and at it again.

In the village of Sosnovovo-Malinsky I heard the combine operators and tractor drivers—surrounded by great golden mountains of wheat and rye they had garnered—pledge to be as diligent in getting out the vote in the coming election as they

had been in getting in the harvest.

## Herdsmen Study

Above Adil-Su and the Baksan valley I saw electoral pamphlets sticking from the panniers of the donkey trains slowly toiling up the rock mountain passes. Printed in Karachai, Balkarian and Kabardinian languages, they were being carried up to the herdsmen and the shepherds of the great flocks grazing in the high mountain meadows.

So it was everywhere from Leningrad to Mount Elbrus in the Caucasus and back again to Moscow. Everywhere like it was twenty years ago—endless meetings, queries and discussions.

Only this autumn the theme of discussion as well as the general conditions of life were altogether different.

## People's Army of Spain Strong As Winter Falls

News of fighting in Spain has been meagre and devoid of the usual sensational angles. Yet the battles have been most ferocious and decisive. We can now say that the threatened "smashing" drive about which Franco boasted on the Aragon front has been stopped dead in its tracks.

The People's Army of Spain did not wait for Franco's formidable concentration of troops and arms to be thrust at the Loyalist forces. Instead, advance units of the People's Army took an initiative in breaking up the positions of Franco's advance guard. Spanish Fascism found itself unable to strike the blows it had prepared against the People's Army.

While on the surface this may appear as a stalemate because the lines actually changed very little it amounts to a defeat of the Fascist forces, a defeat which may not be registered until the Spring.

## Fascists Surprised

Here are the reasons which brand Franco's showing in Aragon as a reverse for the Fascists: After the fall of Gijon and Asturias, the Spanish Fascist stooges of Hitler and Mussolini concentrated the troops from the North on the Aragon front. They thought this point of the line would be the easiest to attack because a long period of anarchist disorganization and Trotskyite POUM sabotage had created an easy condition for Fascist advance. Yet the swift reorganization of the People's Army and the Catalonian government, mainly responsible now

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**Farmers Read Books of Russian Masters**  
USSR.—Last year the Kuibyshev rural library had 415 readers who read 2,249 books in the year. In addition the collective farmers in this period read 6,072 books from the travelling library which visits their collective. Of novels, the farmers show greatest interest in the works of Pushkin, Gogol, Tolstoy, Gorky and Sholokhov.

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## EIGHTH CHINA ARMY RAIDS ENEMY REAR

Warriors of Former Red Army Capture Nippon Supplies

NANKING.—While a Japanese army has battled its way into the walled city of Taiyuan, capital of mountainous Shansi province, Chinese forces headed by the Eighth National Revolutionary Army of Gen. Chu Teh have won many notable victories in fierce guerrilla warfare behind the Japanese lines in Shansi and Hopei, it was announced here.

The Japanese have flung the full might of their armies in Shansi against the capital, which has been defended heroically by four "dare to die" Chinese regiments.

The guerrilla forces, which have captured or destroyed a vast amount of Japanese supplies in raids on supply trains and have upraised Japanese-held railroads, are composed of both volunteers from the local Chinese population and regular troops units from the Nanking and Eighth Army (Communist) forces.

## Nippon Supplies Taken

The swift raids on the Japanese lines of communication have repeatedly cut off the Japanese front line troops from their rear. These raids of the combined forces of partisans and population have cut sharply into the Japanese food and ammunition supplies. Within the last week alone, the Japanese lost about 800 automobiles and more than 500 horses.

This strategy of a war of swift movement and sudden jabbing blows is being adopted by the Kuomintang armies with which the Eighth Route Army is cooperating.

## FRENCH SHIP TARGET

BARCELONA.—A pirate hydroplane tried to attack the French merchantman Corse off the Catalan coast, but was driven away by two French warships before it could bomb the vessel.

## Soviet School Boy Looks at Future

Volodia, a ten-year-old Soviet school boy, wrote the following on what he imagined Moscow would be like in 25 years' time.

"In 25 years' time there will be a cinema, aerodrome and glider station in each yard. There will be taking off and landing grounds on the roofs of the houses. Of course the landing speed and the span of the wings will be changed. And I'll have five sons, who will all be pilots and who will take me for a ride to the Arctic."

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## Demand Now That the U. S. Support Collective Action

JAPAN is overwhelmingly recognized as an outlaw among nations and a principal driving force toward a World War today. Now that status has been made "official" by the Brussels conference.

But if the Brussels conference stops there, the fascist forces of the world will have accomplished all they could have hoped to accomplish. Instead of taking the initiative in company with China and the Soviet Union, U. S. Delegate Norman Davis has kept this country bound by the dilatory policy of the British cabinet which helps fascism in every underhanded way it can and at the same time uses every means at its disposal to prevent the collaboration of the peace forces that could stop aggression.

In the brief time that remains before the Brussels conference reconvenes, a flood of letters and telegrams should reach Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt, demanding that this country take the initiative in collective action.

In Chicago President Roosevelt put himself clearly on record against every implication of the Neutrality Law. Clearly the invocation of that law would be a direct aid to Japan and a direct aid to spreading the war until it involves this country.

The American people, and especially the labor movement, have the clear duty now to demand that the Chicago speech become the policy of America.

That will not happen accidentally. The demand for it must be organized against the organized pressure of Wall Street to give Japan a free reign.

The boycott movement, now only just beginning, must be spread and made effective. It is a well known fact that Japan's economy is weak. More than any other country, it depends on exports. Not only will a tremendous boycott movement directly serve to cripple Japan's drive to war now—it can be the most effective means by which the drive for international collective security can be furthered in this country.

The present session of congress must repeal the Neutrality Law and replace it by legislation to quarantine the aggressors. That demand must be spread through development of the boycott movement and through a campaign of mass pressure upon the congress and the administration.

## Another Outrage in San Bernardino

IT CAN HAPPEN here. It can happen four times in a row in an American city. Nine workers can be slugged on four different occasions in two weeks, a hall supported by the pennies of working men can be wrecked by vandals without the city authorities taking any steps to stop these fascist outrages.

That's the story of San Bernardino. Last Wednesday night, vigilante hoodlums again raided the Workers' Alliance hall, beating six workers, injuring one seriously. They threw stench bombs and fired six pistol shots.

This was the fourth such outrage in two weeks AND MAYOR JOHNSON WAS NOTIFIED THAT THE MEETING WAS SCHEDULED AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE RECENT ATTACKS, PROTECTION WAS NEEDED.

As on former occasions, Mayor Johnson responded with inaction and the thugs escaped uncharged.

We charge that Mayor Johnson is as responsible for these attacks as if he were a member of the cowardly hoodlum gang.

We charge that the San Bernardino police department is a party to these fascist acts.

We charge that a well-organized conspiracy, involving the city authorities and the big business interests and depraved "goons" exists in San Bernardino to deprive the workers of their rights to free speech and free assembly.

For the people of California to allow such a state of affairs is to COUNTENANCE FASCISM. If it can happen in San Bernardino with no action to thwart it, it will happen elsewhere. The time to wipe out these fascist gangs and their masters is NOW!

Act NOW! Demand that the LaFollette Senate Committee investigate these outrages! Demand that the State Assembly Capital and Labor Committee investigate!

Let the peanut mayor of San Bernardino know that regardless of his concepts of Americanism, the people of California will not tolerate the free reign of unlawful mobs in a city of this state!

## A Victory for Negro Rights Is a Victory for Progress

AGAIN the Tories intend to kill the anti-lynching bill.

Filibustering has been deliberately launched that may delay the vote on the bill.

And when the administration submits its farm proposals the representatives of the Southern mill, mine and plantation owners intend to do the same thing they did in the last regular session—to make vote 'bargains' to kill the bill.

They'll bargain with other foes of the administration to vote NO on New Deal legislation in exchange for aid to prevent passage of the measure to stop violence and terrorism against the Negro people.

This coalition of the most reactionary and chauvinistic elements in the South, who talk loud and long about "law and order" in an effort to block other progressive measures, have not the slightest compunction in attempting to kill a measure that means security and freedom for the most persecuted section of the American population.

They do this in defiance of the desires of the majority of the people.

The people want an anti-lynching bill. As shown by the recent Gallup poll of American public opinion, not only was the national sentiment in favor of an anti-lynching bill proved by 72 per cent "yes" votes as compared with 28 per cent "noes." The significant thing was that 57 per cent of the votes from the South favored an anti-lynching measure. Overwhelming majorities in the affirmative were found in all other sections.

The anti-lynching bill and other progressive legislation face the same enemies. This is a striking indication of the essential unity of the millions of workers and the fourteen million Negro people.

Realization of this fact should be sufficient prompting for the American people. United should be their demands now for a really strong federal law to end vigilantism and murder in the South.

Every progressive and liberal organization, every individual who loves America and its traditions of liberty and democracy, can do no less than write or wire their local representatives at Washington, demanding passage of the anti-lynch bill.

## Big Business Wants More

A TYPICAL big business reaction to the President's program before the special session of Congress was contained in the comment of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The reaction is typical because it is hypocritical and swinish.

After some personal slurs at Roosevelt, the Chronicle sarcastically refers to his statement that business men should have "reasonable profits." And it adds:

"Throughout his whole first term the most urgent efforts never exerted that would 'profit' from him even once."

The inference is that the New Deal played havoc with profits and that the special session should not concern itself with farm and labor legislation, but rather should devise means to help big business and save profits. The Chronicle goes beyond inference and urges more "leniency" to big business.

What has really happened to the poor rich men who are again panhandling at the back door of Capitol Hill?

In 1932, Wall Street corporations showed net profits of \$202,000,000 (a quarter of a billion dollars).

In 1936, this jumped to THREE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS (\$3,632,000,000).

In 1937, according to reliable estimates, this will leap to FIVE BILLION DOLLARS!

An increase of 2,500 per cent in five years!

Yet, these very swine are whining that there isn't enough in their trough, that they want their taxes reduced, that they want the right to slash wages and boom profits to dizzy heights. And the little porker known as the San Francisco Chronicle is right up there yelping with the pack, in the hope that it will influence Congress to dip its hand into the Federal treasury and toss a few more dollars into the Wall Street swill.

The dangerous feature of it all is that it CAN HAPPEN unless the PEOPLE stop it!

If ever there was a time for the people to make their desires and wishes known in Congress, that time is NOW!

The organized bodies of the people—labor unions, farm groups, organizations of every type must speak NOW!

Let your Congressman and Senator know TODAY that you demand passage of the wages and hours bill, of a farm aid bill, that you oppose any reduction in relief or any tax program that will lighten the small load big business has to bear.

## Highway Patrolman Borrows Hitler's Excuse for Murder

IT WOULD take no great stretch of the imagination to picture State Highway Patrolman Paul Decker in another uniform, a uniform of Hitler design. On the stand before the State Assembly capital-labor committee investigating the brutality against the Banning tunnel strikers, Decker said he, another state highway patrolman and a deputy sheriff blackjacked a striker "because he tried to escape."

Hitler's storm-troopers murdered thousands of workers, union men and women, "because they tried to escape."

## SOVIET PEACE POLICY SEEN AS AID TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONS

By TOM PATTERSON

PROBABLY never before has the United States been confronted with so clear a choice between two policies purporting to promote the peace of the world through collaboration of the democratic powers.

One of them is no policy at all, and that also is clearer to-day than ever before.

The choice is between the peace policy that has been consistently championed by the Soviet Union and that of the British cabinet: between collaboration against the fascist nations who are the deliberate military invaders in China and Spain as against placidly allowing those aggressors to spread warfare into the back yard of the United States.

At Brussels today the United States undoubtedly has the deciding voice.

The vote of censure against Japan was obviously an expression of the overwhelming sympathy of the French and British people. Consistently anxious to soften the blows of democracy against the fascists, the British cabinet fervently hopes that the Brussels conference will stop there. But it could not hope, in the face of the sentiment of the British people, to oppose a bloc of China, the Soviet Union and the United States should the latter agree to take collective action against Japan.

### Pressure Needed

If President Roosevelt follows the logic of his Chicago speech, the United States would certainly come forward at Brussels as the deciding factor in favor of collective action. If he follows that logic, he will come forward in the present session of Congress to call for the replacement of the Neutrality Act with legislation enabling the United States to help China and to refuse to help Japan.

As matters stand, however, President Roosevelt apparently must feel a good deal more pressure from the American people before he follows the logic of his Chicago speech.

That expression of the people is one of the prime responsibilities of labor and all peace-loving people in America during the present session of congress.

The mere fact that the declaration of censure was voted at Brussels is symptomatic of the enormous sympathy which has developed among the masses internationally around the Soviet Union's peace program.

### Soviet Logic Irrefutable

One of the major reasons is that the Soviets' cold logic on the matter is being borne out so obviously as to be hard for the British Tories or anyone else to conceal.

Japan, Italy and Germany enter into an "anti-Communist" pact, but its first fruit is not the invasion of the Soviet Union nor even an immediate threat of it. That country has a Red Army making any such attempt impossible. Instead it is the establishment of a fascist government in Brazil, the first in the Americas.

Earlier, fascist Italy proclaimed its mission against Communism and occupied Ethiopia. In the name of the same struggle "against Communism," Italy and Germany carry on the war against Spain. With the same excuse, Japan invades China.

Pravda and Izvestia pointed out that the immediate objective of the "Anti-Communist" pact is an effort of fascism to wrest the African colonies from England and France. The entire strategy of the three war-mad governments today is to build an autocratic colonial regime at the expense of the democratic capitalist countries.

## Browder Outlines Communist Party's Six-Point Program in Fight for Peace

ANSWERS DISTORTIONS BY F. J. LIBBY IN CURRENT MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday outlined the Communist Party's position for peace in answer to an article by Frederick J. Libby of the National Council for the Prevention of War in the magazine, "Peace Action," which distorted the Communist Party's stand.

The text of Browder's letter to Libby follows:

Dear Mr. Libby: My attention has just been called to your article in the October issue of "Peace Action," in which you make the statement that "the slogan, 'War for Democracy,' is being popularized by the Communists."

I protest most vigorously against this slanderous misstatement, for which you cannot cite the smallest evidence. The whole policy of the Communist Party is summed up in its slogan "Keep America Out of War by Keeping War Out of the World."



MARSHAL BUDENNY, famous cavalry leader and commander of the armed forces in the Moscow military district, heading a parade in Red Square.

### Backed by Socialism

Under such circumstances it becomes increasingly difficult for Wall Street and the British Tories to hold back the tide of international opinion demanding sanctions.

Emergence of the Soviet Union's program as a world factor in the fight for peace, however, is directly connected with the development of socialism and democracy in the Soviet Union itself.

It is seldom recalled now that in 1924 the country of Socialism proposed total disarmament to all the nations of the world, and built up its Red Army as a powerful defensive weapon only because the nations would not accept such a program.

And the Red Army has more than kept pace following the victory of fascism in Germany and the Japanese offensive into Manchuria.

### Soviet Diplomacy

The Soviets' policy of collective security against the aggressor countries stems directly from the rise of fascism to its present status of the major world threat to peace. Having already demonstrated that under Socialism more than 100 conflicting nationalities within the country itself could live and develop in peace, the Soviets entered into a series of non-aggression pacts with its neighboring smaller countries.

Signing of the pact of mutual assistance with France, and later with Czechoslovakia, demonstrated to the world a new type of international agreement. It particularly aroused the ire of German fascism, but its defensive character is inherent in the fact that it is operative only in the event of an attack on one of the signatories by an outside power. And this, more than anything else, explains why the fascist offensive today is shy of attacking directly in France but moves on less protected fronts.

### Major World Factor

The election of December 12 in the Soviet Union is a new milestone in the struggle for world peace. Already in the forefront of the drive to align democracy internationally against fascism, the new constitution has introduced such unprecedented democratic guarantees

as the right to work, the right to education, the right to full security in the event of disability. It has introduced the full secret ballot and direct election to its highest governing bodies. It has given the right to vote to broader sections of the population than any other country has ever done.

Promoting democracy within its own borders, taking the lead in aligning the forces of world democracy against fascism, the Soviet Union's peace policy has become a major factor internationally.

### Basis of Pacific Pact

The Soviet-Chinese pact of non-aggression, prohibiting any economic assistance to Japan while giving China the full right to obtain the means of defending herself, forms the basis for a Pacific Pact of Non-Aggression into which the United States inevitably must come if it is to prevent its own participation in war.

China, backed by the Soviet Union, made the following proposals to the democratic powers in Brussels: (1) An embargo on supplying Japan with materials essential to war or for industrial purposes, (2) Boycott on Japanese exports and Japanese shipping, (3) Refusal to give credit to Japan and (4) Extension of aid to China by supplying her with war materials and credit.

Such a program, carried out by the democratic nations headed by the United States, Great Britain and France, could curb the Japanese war machine. Failure to carry it out brings the war closer to the United States and would inevitably involve the United States.

### Closer Bond Needed

It is clear that a closer bond between the Soviet Union and the United States would not only serve the immediate economic interests of this country in the form of increased trade, but that it would serve the peace of the world.

In the coming session of congress the demand for this closer alliance must be heard in the halls of congress, in the White House and in the state department. To the entire nation, the Neutrality Act is now exposed as nothing more than a means of assisting the aggressor. The entire effect of Roosevelt's Chicago speech was a repudiation of it.

That repudiation must now be expressed in a mass demand for the repeal and for the United States government to place itself squarely on record in favor of helping China to defeat its invader.

## As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

### An Open Letter to Al Sessions

AL SESSIONS and his Progressive-Commonwealth Federation may not know it, but the endorsement of Raymond Haight for Governor at their recent convention was a distinct disservice to the labor and progressive movement for the 1938 elections.

Mr. Sessions and his friends in the Progressive Party have been busy playing tricks with figures, proving conclusively to their own satisfaction that Haight is the only progressive candidate who can be elected Governor next year. To reach these conclusions, they have been juggling the electoral vote of 1934 around to suit their reasoning, without any regard for the tremendous changes in political alignments that exist today, and the new developments of the national and state political picture.

1937 is not 1934, but a lot of progressives, particularly among former Epics, do not seem to realize that we are not living in a vacuum. The presidential election fight; the Supreme Court issue; the split in the Democratic Party; the emergence of Labor's Non-Partisan League; the results of the recent municipal elections in New York, Pittsburgh, and a number of other cities; all these and many more developments show that much water has flown under the bridge since the Sinclair campaign of 1934.

### An Opportunity Missed

If the Epic movement leadership had understood these changes, and adjusted itself accordingly, it might have avoided "disappearing" from the political picture ever since the presidential primaries in May, 1936, when it mustered 100,000 votes in its last great effort to live on the traditions of 1934. A similar fate is in store for any progressive group that does not face the realities of the present situation, and thereby allows itself to sink into sectarian isolation.

The Communist Party is vitally concerned with building of a great people's movement, linking the independent political activity of Labor with the farmers, the middle class, and the progressive forces in the Democratic party, old-age pension groups, etc. The Progressive-Commonwealth Federation and the Progressive Party, if it does not want to unwillingly become an aid to the Republican Party and Tory reaction in California, should unite with the labor-progressive forces and lend whatever strength it may have to assure the defeat of reaction in the 1938 elections.

This means cooperating with the progressive Democrats, the Committee of 100 for Political Unity, and Labor's Non-Partisan League. To endorse a candidate and then look for support is putting the cart before the horse, the tail before the kite. There is still time for honest progressives to put the Progressive-Commonwealth Federation on the right track, but not too much time.

## LETTERS

### Fresh Trained Writing Needed—Quotes Lenin

Western Worker Editor:

"Perhaps we have been devoting too much attention to strictly workers' news—trade unions, strikes, etc. If a wide group, not necessarily all Communists, are to be enlisted as readers, we must be able to present them with facts that are fresh, original, and precise.

Little attention has, up to the present, been paid to certain fields: the United States Army and Navy, state and national government, American diplomacy, church, finance, medicine, etc.

Newspaper clippings will not do—we must have material hot from the griddle of action, and written by professional writers, if possible.

I find an interesting statement in Lenin's What Is To Be Done, relative to this subject. Allow me to quote a sentence or two:

"It is necessary to have a staff of expert writers, expert correspondents, an army of Social-Democratic (Bolshevik) reporters that have established contacts far and wide, able to penetrate into all sorts of 'state secrets'... find its way 'behind the scenes,' an army of men and women whose 'official duty' it must be to be ubiquitous and omniscient... Search our Social-Democratic press for lively and interesting articles, correspondence and exposure of our diplomatic, military, ecclesiastical, municipal, financial, etc., affairs and malpractices! You will find almost nothing, or very little about these things."

By the way, your Fleischacker exposure was excellent. A number of professionally trained Communist newspaper men would be able to unearth any amount of such very interesting and exceedingly significant incidents.

H. S., Los Angeles.

### Science and Radio Interests Him

Dear Editor:

Speaking for myself, I think that the new Daily should have a section devoted to critical discussion of the various articles that appear about the labor situation and social problems in the popular magazines such as "Saturday Evening Post" and "Liberty." I find that many statements of facts are made in these papers that are difficult for the average man to check up on.

I think a feature that would be good is a Scientific Page to comprise a series of continued articles on science. I think that the workers' party should train its supporters in such things as radio, with a series of articles starting from instructions in building simple sets to the more elaborate. Radio knowledge is invaluable in popular appeal and other uses.

C. R., Van Nuys.



## SEEING RED with MIKE QUIN.

JOE RYAN, brass-knuckle czar of the East Coast docks, bosom pal and all-around handy man of the shipowners, favored lieutenant of William Green, hero of the Hearst newspapers, president of the AFL Longshore union, and all around heel so far as the dock workers are concerned, is on his way out.

And what's more, he knows it.

The newspapers still blow him up as a labor leader and publish his every utterance under the old gag "labor says this" and "labor says that," when nobody is saying anything but the shipowners themselves using Joe Ryan's big mouth for a megaphone.

Pacific Coast maritime workers remember him well for his efforts to pull the solidarity stopper and wash the 1934 strike down the drain. Whenever the West Coast dockers looked at Joe Ryan, he was staring at them from the other side of the employers' desk. He was finally booted out of San Francisco and returned to New York, where for years he has maintained control over the Eastern docks by gangsterism.

A stolid member of the Tammany graft machine, he used to be able to use the Tammany controlled police as a private army against the longshoremen. With the election of La Guardia and a Labor ticket to office, all that is now out.

For fifteen years he reigned supreme as president of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. But this year he didn't stand any more chance of getting re-elected than Hearst does of being elected President of the United States. And Ryan knew it. His power has been broken. Longshoremen on the docks are shaking him off like a bad dream. His political pull is now as forlorn as an old cigar butt of Al Smith in a bar room cuspidor.

**Not Even the Derby Was Missing**  
A week ago he appeared before the Central Trades and Labor Council in the full uniform of a General in the employers' army. He appeared in Tuxedo, complete with bat-wing collar, patent leather pumps and all. And he announced that for "obvious reasons" he would not run for re-election to the council presidency.

The latest edition of the SHAPE UP, rank and file paper of New York longshoremen, has something to say about Ryan's wardrobe. Ryan, incidentally has a flare for costumes comparable only to Hitler's right-hand playboy, General Goering.

Says the SHAPE UP:

"Joseph Patrick Ryan likes harmony in his haberdashery, if nowhere else. Favorite costume lately has been ensemble of blue suit, blue shirt, blue socks, blue suede shoes, blue felt hat. His large diamond stick pin looks out of place with this outfit, so he has been saving it for special occasions. Never without a nugget of gold on his left pinkie, however.

"Sleeps in silk pajamas and insists on a freshly laundered pair every night.

"Last time he presided at Central Trades and Labor Council meeting in a Tuxedo. He apologized to brothers who don't own tuxedos, explaining he had to go to a party later. But it wasn't a labor party."

There, fellows, you have a picture of a labor faker. Remember how San Francisco papers used to refer to Ryan and his like as the "responsible, bona-fide leaders of labor." Bona-fide, my neck. Bona-fide representatives of the employers!

During the recent election, Ryan backed the Tammany candidate and the rank and file longshoremen repudiated his endorsement. Mayor La Guardia openly attacked Ryan as being closer to the employers than the workers.

The days when employers can wear labor leaders for watch fobs and buy them up in gross lots are finished. Ryan is finding that out. William Green, apparently, doesn't realize it yet. In the name of the AFL, William Green has endorsed the full anti-labor Congressional program of the employers. Green is also more at home in a tuxedo than a pair of overalls. We're not positive, but we think it a pretty safe bet that silk pajamas are lurking in his bureau drawer.

## BEHIND the SCREEN with DON BLACKWELL

HOLLYWOOD.

SOMEONE RECENTLY made the statement that Hollywood is a "warm Klondike." No one has to tell this to George Browne and his henchmen who rule the IATSE. In less than two years they have dug out of the pockets of the studio members of the union, \$751,193.18, plus a 2 per cent assessment amounting to \$153,794.58. The officials admit to having cash on hand of \$140,151.14 and to having sent the 2 per cent assessment to the international headquarters. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BALANCE OF \$611,042.04?

The question might also be asked as to what happened to the two investigators who gave the above figures to the Assembly interim committee, hired by the latter body to check over the IATSE records. They came back with a report thoroughly whitewashing the racketeering methods of the union's officials and condemned the investigation. While no one for a moment would cast the slightest suspicion on the integrity of Adams and Silliman, the two gents involved, it is said that the currency of the realm has upon them the most peculiar hypnotic effect, rendering them at once docile and completely amenable to orders.

Still another question might be asked. Why are the producers, led by Louis B. Mayer, trying to hamstring and stop the investigation? Is it possible that Mayer's pet dream of a big IATSE company industrial union embracing everyone employed in the motion picture industry under the dictatorship of George Browne and himself, is being jeopardized?

WHILE THERE is more unemployment of studio workers today than at any time since 1932, gangsters fleeing the clutches of New York's recently elected D. A. Thomas E. Dewey, find quick and ready employment here as IATSE "checkers" or are hired by other corrupt AFL officials as members of "goon squads" to break up honest trade unions.

**Buzzell Doesn't Want Peace**

Harlen Holmden, vice president of the international, told the investigating committee that he believed the CIO was behind the investigation. J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, is evidently of the same opinion. At a meeting of the meeting somewhat in this manner: "This is a CIO committee. You guys gotta realize that we don't want them. We're gonna fight 'em. What's happened to you guys? Where's the dough you guys were gonna collect for the CIO fight. It ain't coming in..." At this point someone interrupted and asked about the peace being talked about between the AFL and the CIO.

"We don't want peace," shouted Buzzell. "Those CIO bastards are hard enough to lick now—if we let them in, they'll be twice as hard to lick. Lotta Communists. Don't you know what peace with them would mean—our jobs—your jobs and my job. You guys gotta shake your fannies and get going!"

The Buzzells, the Brownes and the Greens are shaking in their boots already. They see the handwriting of the rank and file on the wall: "Unionism—not gangsterism!"

# S. F. Negro Center Offers Program For Start of Broad People's Front

By BETTY FURUSET

NEGRO mothers, too, have found that cooperation is the surest way to safeguard their children's health.

Out at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, 1433 Divisadero St., San Francisco almost any Thursday night you can find the Mothers' Fidelity Club discussing which way the paper should be pinned, or how many calories there are in a normal breakfast, or all the "do's and don'ts" problems which perplex modern mothers. The Mothers' Club has been a going concern for nearly 15 years, but only in the last few years have they spread out to really ambitious projects.

### Cooperative Clinic

They have a free cooperative clinic going now. Every child gets a free medical and dental examination once every three months. He gets free medical treatment if it's necessary. The cooperative clinic has examined 50 children since it was started. Trained nurses from the Children's Hospital contribute their energy. Physicians from Dr. William Palmer Lucas' office make the examinations.

But best of all, the Mothers' Club gives its members a chance to hear authorities on child welfare, to discuss with one another all the problems of child welfare and training.

Cooperation, says—and Negro women throughout the United States are realizing it. Clubs which have sprung up in all the large cities with merely a social program at first have spread out and carried on the fight against discrimination and for cooperation on all hands.

### Most Exploited Group

And no wonder. There is no group of persons in the country who have been more exploited and intimidated than Negro women.

Most recent figures released by the Department of Labor show that out of the 2,000,000 Negro women workers over 600,000 are employed as domestic help—forced to cook, scrub floor and do the thousand and one tedious and menial tasks which make up the routine of a domestic worker.

At the same time thousands of these Negro women have their own homes and own families to take care of. Obviously, it isn't the easiest thing in the world to come home from an exhausting day of scrubbing and polishing and go through the same job all over again in one's own home.

### Flock to Unions

In other cities Negro women have not stopped at cooperatives and child welfare groups. In many cities where they are employed in textile and food factories they have flocked into the unions to protect themselves from economic discrimination.

In the Chicago and St. Louis nut-pickers industry successful strikes were carried on by unions the membership of which was almost entirely made up of Negro women.

What sort of conditions do Negro women protest against? The Department of Labor states that the highest wage paid Negro women textile workers in the fifteen leading states in the industry was \$8.95 a week. Wages of \$4.25 a week were a common occurrence. This was only three or four years ago. Have conditions changed much since then? Even the NRA codes were almost completely disregarded throughout the South.

**How Color Bar Operates**  
Discrimination is rampant. Negroes are rarely employed in places of business, even in those where a majority of the clientele is colored.

Negro women are forced to raise their families under slum conditions, for the housing districts in which Negroes may reside are strictly limited. Professional opportunities for Negro women are doubly rare—first on account of discrimination against their race, secondly because of discrimination against their sex.

These are just a few of the problems which provide topics for discussion at the Booker T. Washington Center. These are a few of the problems upon which it is to be hoped some campaign of action will be worked out.

### Other Activities

Mrs. Angelina Hope is the energetic president of the local mothers' club and has her eyes open for still further expansion of the club's activities in the future. Already mothers have given parties in which both they and their children have participated. Women play an active part in the life of the Booker T. Washington Center.

First, there's attractive Mrs. Anne Browning who greets you when you enter the office. Then, there is the glee club, an activity in which over 60 music-loving members take part.



MOTHERS AND children at a Halloween party given by the Mothers' Club of the Booker T. Washington Community Center for Negroes. The Center provides a varied program of recreational activities for the five thousand Negro people of San Francisco.

The glee club has a colorful past. It used to be the choral group and as such participated in choral programs throughout the city, gaining itself universal acclaim.

Right now it is in the process of reorganization under the direction of Mr. Orenthal Anderson, who formerly sang with the internationally famous Hall-Johnson Negro choir.

### Christmas Program

It is rehearsing a group of Christmas carols and, according to Mr. R. B. Flippin, director of the center, will play the leading role in a special Christmas program to be given next month which promises to be tops in entertainment.

Women of the younger generation have their own clubs at the center, too. The Carpe Diem girls club, well known throughout the city, meets here.

The Carpe Diem Club, under the wing of Mrs. Browning and presided over by Miss Lila Whitaker, takes an active and progressive part in community life. The club is affiliated to the National Negro Congress, which in session recently at Philadelphia pledged anew its support to the labor and progressive movement.

Delegates from the Carpe Diem club frequently attend conferences of the American League Against War and Fascism and took an active part in drafting the California Youth Act.

Their most recent activity has been to aid by contributions and support the Medical Bureau for Aid to Loyalist Spain. Quite a record for a club which boasts of only 15 members!

But that's not all to the Booker T. Washington Center's credit. There are three junior girls clubs. One is for those girls preparing to enter the Girl Scouts, another for those girls whose interest lies in basketball. These clubs are under the direction of Mrs. Marjory Williams and Miss Melfawn Pinckney.

### Vocational Aids

Does your interest lie in dress-making or knitting? The Washington center has well-attended classes in both of these domestic sports. The knitting group, taught by an EEP instructor, has exhibited its work at the Veterans War Memorial halls in the civic center and in a large downtown department store.

Discussion of current issues from all viewpoints is another of the regular features offered by the center. A group of twenty meets at dinner once a month to hear speakers on the various issues of the day.

"The most enthusiastically received speaker in recent months," declared Mr. Flippin, who is in charge of these discussions, "was a speaker on the international situation from the American League Against War and Fascism."

### Music Important

As the success of the glee club might indicate music plays a large share in the life of the center.

"Our largest class is that in piano playing," Mr. Flippin remarked, "so far we have 62 hopeful pianists who have signed up for the instruction."

But music isn't confined to vocal and pianistic talent. A harmonica class has just been inaugurated with nearly a dozen aspirant "swing" artists trying out their talents. For those of a still more tender age there is a toy orchestra in which you may enter if you can play any instrument which utters an identifiable sound.

Mr. Flippin doubles in brass himself, for aside from his directorial activities he directs the center's dramatics class.

### Community Forum

Every fourth Sunday the Carpe Diem club sponsors a forum, usually on some issue of particular interest to Negroes. Outside speakers are invited.

Classes and activities by no means end here. These are groups engaged in cooking, leather and crepe paper work, crafts, folk-dancing, creative drawing, basketball and a host of other subjects.

One of the most novel and interesting of the features the center offers is the Health and Personality lecture given twice a month by Mrs. Portia Randolph.

All in all, the Booker T. Washington center offers as satisfying a service to its community as one might be able to find. All of these activities are crowded toward a none too spacious store building.

### People's Front Movement

In fact, it can be said with assurance that if the Center received the support it should from the city fathers, its activities could be extended and improved no end. The problems of an under-manned staff, inadequate facilities, and lack of proper athletic and recreational equipment can all be traced back to the niggardiness of the city and the Community Chest, which carries out here the traditional attitude toward Negro enterprises of any sort.

Notwithstanding this discrimination however (which is similar to the discrimination that closed down the Union Recreation Center for waterfront workers), the program of the Center in its present outward-looking is typical of the role being played by similar Negro organizations throughout the nation. Around these programs are rallying today the vanguard of a mighty Negro People's Front. Let the Tories and chauvinists beware when this Front has matured, for it will mean the end of their exploitation of this large section of the American people.

### Fairmont Is Refuge

Three cops suddenly appeared, possibly 200 feet from the hotel entrance. They look around. A squad car drives up and five more blue-uniformed officers climb out. One cop takes off his

### Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

## IT'S MORGAN'S (Author Unknown)

I came to a mill by the riverside,  
Half a mile long and nearly as wide  
With a forest of stacks and an army of men  
Tolling at furnaces, shovel and pen.  
What a most magnificent plant, I cried  
And a man with a smudge on his face replied:

IT'S MORGAN'S.

I entered a train and rode all day  
On a regal coach and right of way,  
Which reaches its arms all over a land  
In a system too large to understand.  
A splendid property, this, I cried,  
And a man with a plate on his hat replied:

IT'S MORGAN'S.

I sailed on a ship, trim and true,  
From pennon and keel, cabin and crew.  
And the ship was one of a monster fleet,  
A first class navy would scarce compete.  
What a beautiful craft she is, I cried;  
And a man with akimbo legs replied:

IT'S MORGAN'S.

I dwelt in a nation filled with pride;  
Her people were many, her lands were wide;  
Her record in war, in science and art  
Proved greatness of muscle, mind and heart.  
What a grand old country this, I cried,  
A man with his chest in the air replied:

IT'S MORGAN'S.

## Imprisoned Communist Was Well Known Here

By DON RUSSELL

It is late October, 1934, in San Francisco. The great maritime and General Strike is over. The waterfront men are back at work but the terror—police and vigilante terror—is still raging.

A short, stocky figure, dressed in palm beach suit, carrying a small leather satchel, hurries up Powell Street on the north side of Nob Hill. Police sirens are screaming. A motorcycle cop flashes by, streaking up Sacramento Street.

Occasionally the white clad figure reaches into the satchel, mounts an apartment house step and quietly pushes white sheets of paper beneath locked doors.

### Eludes Terror

He is distributing leaflets—leaflets calling for abatement of the terror and the election of Communist Sam Darcy to the governor's chair. Some overzealous North Beach housewife has called the police and the hounds of law and order are off on the hunt—in full cry.

Laboriously the stocky man climbs Sacramento Street. The cops—judging by the screaming sirens, are converging. At the top of the hill the figure halts for an instant, in front of the Fairmont Hotel. A large, black limousine has drawn up before the entrance. A uniformed chauffeur opens doors. A richly dressed group, numbering five or six, climbs out. A doorman rushes forward, grabs luggage and the group follows him slowly into the hotel.

Looking like an attorney or a doctor, the stocky figure in the palm beach suit quickly joins the group, follows into the hotel.

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Three cops suddenly appeared, possibly 200 feet from the hotel entrance. They look around. A squad car drives up and five more blue-uniformed officers climb out. One cop takes off his

cap, scratches his head in obvious bewilderment. There is a worried conference. The five bluecoats climb back into the squad car and shove off. The three motorcycle cops walk hurriedly around the corner on California Street. There is a sputtering, siren growls—and peace returns to Nob Hill.

George Geoffrin—for he is the man in the palm beach suit—comes slowly out of the hotel. He looks around. He peers down Sacramento Street. Finally, satisfied, he trudges away. His hand steals into the satchel again—he walks up to a door, slips leaflets under, and goes on to the next apartment.

### Old Charge Used

In 1935 George Geoffrin—on evidence presented by a paid stoolpigeon—was arrested, held for deportation to France. He spent weeks in the vicious Alameda County jail, months at Angel Island. He was released on bail, rearrested. Finally all resources were exhausted. He climbed aboard a deportation train, under guard, on Washington's Birthday, 1935.

In France he was arrested and tried before a military tribunal on charges of "insubordination in time of war." He was sentenced to one year in the prison "Good News."

A letter has been received from a friend of Geoffrin's which speaks for itself. Extracts are printed below:

"I see, him about twice a month. The rules of French prisons permit only relatives to visit prisoners. His regime is hard. There is no radio, no entertainment, no ball games or other games. He must work all day making rope. He has an exacting norm to produce. . . . He had less than \$1 a week allowed him by the Secours Populaire and that does not go far.

### Needs Aid

"I am still without work and have nothing to give him but a dollar or so from some of my boys would mean much to him—who has struggled with you for the emancipation of the workers from the shackles of capitalism toward a better and fuller life. "I am telling you, French prisons are tough. The rules permit him to receive nothing from the outside but money which is deposited with the warden for use in the prison store.

"I should tell you that he has made no request other than that I thank you (the Western Worker) for the publicity, and what I have said is on my own responsibility, and is dictated by my knowledge of his condition and his needs.

"And now let me wish you success in your fight in old San Francisco that I love so well. "Geoffrin's address is: Prison Bonne Nouvelle, Rouen, (Seine Inf.) France.

Cordially—

A.M.W."

### HISTORY RESEARCH

MOSCOW—On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Great French Revolution, the Historical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR is compiling a complete catalogue of printed works published in the French language between 1789 and 1804.

### FAIRY TALES

LENINGRAD—The Publishing House of Children's Literature in the USSR is publishing a special edition of Andersen's Fairy Tales, Mark Twain's "Prince and the Beggar" and also a book by W. Busch, author of the famous children's book "Max and Moritz."

## THAT DAILY PAPER

It Can Be Done  
Money Is Scarce  
Xmas Shopping

CAN CALIFORNIA polish off its job of raising \$30,000 one month ahead of time? The State committee of the Party and State Drive Committee feel that it can be done. BY DECEMBER FIRST. Not, of course, that every county can complete its quota (although every county should bust a suspender button, trying), but that counties already over the top and those near going over can oversubscribe enough to fill out the \$30,000 total by December 1. Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find a statement about this. Take it up with your unit, branch, section, county. Over the top in the drive in December 1st.

### Letter From Utah

Dear Comrade Siegel:  
Enclosed is a money order for \$8.00, the result of a day spent tramping up and down the streets of Park City—and the streets in this mining town are plenty steep, too. We expect to go back to this mining camp in a week and get twice as much. Money is scarce up there—men are being laid off all the time—but by getting a dime here and a nickel next door, we collected the eight dollars.

Not a big sum—(we sometimes wonder how it would feel to work in a district where the money comes in by tens and hundreds)—but will almost put us to the \$100 mark.

Comradely,  
ELVA DILLON.

### What's in a Name?

"A ROSE by any other name," said Shakespeare, "would smell as sweet." And our Daily Western Worker, by any other name, will be respected by the workers, feared by their enemies and loved by "Red" paper by reactionaries. But there are tens of thousands of western people who do not know it by any name. So if we can find a name that will make it easier to reach these thousands, why then it's the natural thing to do.

Some one will cop the \$50 cash prize offered for the winning name and be all set early for Xmas shopping. Why not you? There's still time to submit a new name.

### Coffin Corner

LET'S ALL shed a tear for these poor counties that got caught by Coffin Corner below the 50 per cent mark this week. Next week, unless something special happens, Coffin Corner will solemnly lower all counties under 65 per cent to rest.

EUREKA CONTRA COSTA BAKERSFIELD FORT BRAGG (And were measuring Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Alameda, Tulare, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino and San Diego for one of our stylish, form-fitting wooden kimono's for next week. Look out, little counties!)

## NO HOLDS BARRED

By LEFTY

LEFTY, his digestion ruined by eating too heavily of pickled herring in between meals, is going to be an old spoil-sport today.

Who said Big Game? To begin with Lefty predicts it will rain, thus making the California Bears victory over the Cardinals resemble an amphibian tank pushing through a bed of bull-tushes. Next, Lefty is of the opinion that Coach Tiny Thornhill can throw everything from Pete Fay to the gentleman who sweeps out the stadium into the breach without noticeably influencing the course of the Golden Bear tractor.

Sam Chapman is the man to keep your binoculars on, Lefty opines. It's no easy task to select one man from the California team and label him for the hot spot, but Mister Chapman has convinced the literati of the press table that he is the real leader of that sickening California onrush. Watch him.

WASTING no more time on the easy ones, Lefty hops into his picking machine and speeds away to greener pastures. Washington over Oregon. Lefty declares. It won't be a breeze by any means, though. Don't let Oregon fool you—the Webfeet gave a set of very dangerous backs. The line, alas, is not all it should be.

UCLA gets the nod over Southern Methodist. The only reason Lefty can give for this one is the grudge he's nourished against Texas ever since the Texas Open Shop Association declared that workmen had no rights in their state. Lefty is something terrific at playing hunches of this general order.

Oregon State over Washington State. This is a very acute bit of deduction. Lefty's Super-special for this week. A cougar, skin absolutely free to every purchaser.

What about Fordham and the Gaels of St. Mary's? Fordham has two touchdowns. The Moragans have been pretty thoroughly tamed this season.



## BIOFF DUCKS QUIZ ON LINK WITH CAPONE

**Buzzell Attacks Assembly  
Body Probe Into Racket  
Set-up in Film Union**

(Continued from Page 1)  
sterism and racketeering" brought down on him the wrath of Assemblymen Fred Muldoon, Kenneth Dawson, and Melvin Cronin.  
Throughout the committee's probe into IATSE affairs, repeated references have linked Bioff and President Browne with Al Capone and the murdered Chicago labor racketeer, Tommy Manoly.  
Bioff testified that "jurisdictional fights" and refusal of producers to deal with the Hollywood locals, were the reasons why 12,000 IA members have been deprived of autonomy.

Robert Montgomery, Screen Actors' Guild president, emphatically informed the committee that the IA is not "going to take over the Screen Actors' Guild."

Bioff recently threatened that the IA "claims jurisdiction over everyone connected with the making and taking of motion pictures."

**Laughter and Boos**  
Laughter and boos from the more than 300 spectators greeted Bioff's assertions that:

1. "I have never received requests from the membership for information about the IATSE"; and

2. "I have never received any complaints."

Though he has been here since July 1936, Bioff doesn't know what the union lining hall looks like. "I've been there only once," he said.

Subpoenaed to the hearing, J. W. Buzzell, AFL Central Labor Council secretary, accused three members of the committee, Fred Reaves, Tenney, and Chairman Paul A. Richie, of being "pro-CIO."

**Puzzled Put On Spot**  
"Suppose," said Chairman Paul A. Richie, "that members of four locals believed that intolerable conditions exist—and suppose that they felt that they had no redress—and suppose that the AFL can do nothing—can you think of anything better calculated to drive that membership into the CIO?"

"This committee has no business meddling in the affairs of the IA," Buzzell stated. "He thought it was 'up to the union' to settle the matter in its own way."

Richie pointed out the investigation was begun on charges of IA members that 12,000 persons pay \$3 per month in dues and a 2 per cent assessment, have never received a financial statement since 1933, have elected no officers since 1932, have not had a union meeting in four years.

## Machine Bleeds Negro People

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Angelo have accepted for years as their leaders were brought into a ring with former pimps, ex-strong arm men, and the raff of the community may be seen by observing how this ring works today.

While Mrs. Bass was vehemently denying that vice existed in the Central Avenue district a few weeks ago, these things were going on: five sporting and gambling houses were brazenly extracting coins from the gullible Negroes who think a possible hundred dollars pot is worth the risk of their hard-earned dimes and quarters. The boys who play craps, lottery, poker and whatnot figure incorrectly that the games are square at the Copawa Club, over Bruce's Drug Store, and at the "club rooms" operating at 2109 1/2 E. Ninth Street, 2208 1/2 South Central Avenue, 1103 E. Fourteenth Street, 4417 Long Beach, 1312 Palomar, 3000 Central, and Fifty-fifth and Central, over the Chinese store.

**Underworld Monarch**  
What the boys didn't know was that the games run by Lomax are always stacked. Smooth, sleek, debonaire Lucius rides beneath his impassive, handsome face a mind sharper than ordinary, with organizing ability that would have placed him in the forefront of Negro leaders had he not chosen the underworld for his realm and become an exploiter of his own people.

Lomax has organized Los Angeles vice into a major business. He is as cold about the matter of profits as a Sprechel or Fleischacker. His son, educated at a leading Eastern University, manages the books, keeps records clear, watches that the old man's figures never appear in red ink. Lomax doesn't believe in "luck." His game-keepers are instructed to take no chances.

More important, and what the Negroes who give their shekels to collector Sweetman through Lomax also don't know, is that the buildings in which all this downright banditry takes place are owned by the California Bank! If you want to see the connection between finance capital and the exploitation of Negroes through vice, think this over.

**Lottery Runners**  
But this isn't all. Hard-working Negro porters, chauffeurs, bellhops, waiters, and common laborers who rebel against long hours of toil for a pittance, and who think a wager on the horses may bring them in a sizeable stake, can drop in Harry Sutherland's barber shop, or at 9405 and 9409 Central Avenue, in Watts, and lay down their small earnings without molestation. This business are the forces of law and order, that they permit approximately 55 agents to can-

vass the neighborhood of Vernon and Central daily. It's a house to house proposition. They'll knock at your door and take your money with no trouble to you whatever. The agents get 25 per cent on every dollar; the big boys get the rest; you get a slip saying you paid so much. Further to entrench themselves in the Negro community and to get a strangle-hold on the chief arteries of Negro life, the Sweetman gang are now trying to buy up the Dunbar Hotel, the Roxy at Forty-sixth and Central, the LaVada apartment, and another place on Vernon and Central. These places will be swanked up to take in a "better class" of trade, and to serve as "fronts" for an expanded vice business.

Worse than mere gambling, however, is the Sweetman hook-up with the most vicious forms of vice—prostitution, the corruption of young school-girls, the peddling of marijuana, narcotics, and so forth. Some of the places already cited have chambers where this kind of business flourishes. Though the woman is paid a standard fee of \$2.00, she has to kick through a net-work of petty collectors and liaison men to George Henderson, prostitution pay-off man at Twelfth and Central Avenue. Houses are taxed a fee of fifty bucks, or more, depending on the trade.

**\$14,000 a Month**  
Figures of the intake from all this crime are, for obvious reasons, not available. It is known that Sweetman is double-crossing Fitts, Lomax is double-crossing Sweetman, and the small fry are putting the screws into Lomax. Estimates vary, but an informer on the inside, whose confidence I have reason to believe reliable, puts the sum that goes to maintain the status quo for the Shaw-Fitts-Davis clique at about \$14,000 monthly.

**What have the respectable "leaders" to gain from this graft? And what do they do for the ring?**

First, there is obviously the "prestige and influence" that goes with the winners. The machine is in power now. Shaw and Fitts are riding high. But they need Uncle Toms. Without the Negro "yes men" who command a little say among their people, Shaw and Fitts would never have been returned to office.

**Uncle Toms Rewarded**  
Recognizing the political strength of the Negroes in Los Angeles—though clever re-districting does everything to limit the exercise of this strength—Messrs. Shaw, Fitts, and their bosses in the banks and industries, are willing to pay someone for Uncle Tom service. Their pay-off is dirt cheap. They accord a certain "recognition" to the preachers and "leaders" who serve them. Observe how Mrs. Bass, Rev. Griffith, and Dr. Hudson "skin them back"—that is, show their teeth—whenever one of these officials make a patronizing gesture.

Yet, not by "recognition" alone do the reactionaries of Los Angeles corrupt the Negro leadership. Dr. Hudson rents his building to Rich Baker, who operates a bookie under the highly respectable front of Cooks & Waiters Union! Advertisements for Mrs. Bass's Eagle are solicited by flunkies of Sweetman and Joe Shaw, the mayor's brother. If certain business people don't advertise, obliging Mr. Shaw has the city's meat inspectors call by and declare their meat unfit for public consumption. In exchange for his "political influence among his people," the Rev. Mr. Griffith received use of the Shrine Auditorium for the Baptist Convention which met here in September.

**Unconfirmed Rumors**  
Thus, by supporting and apologizing for the Shaw-Fitts-Davis machine, these prominent Negroes have betrayed the interests of their people, and now find themselves in the ring which systematically bleeds the whole community. There are ru-

## Negro Leader Praises Western

LOS ANGELES—Declaring he will support the \$35,000 drive to launch the daily Western Worker on January 1, Charles Upton, president of the Los Angeles Local of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and prominent trade union figure here, praised the Worker for its courageous stand on the problems affecting Negroes.

In response to a written inquiry regarding his attitude on the coming daily, Upton replied:

I wholeheartedly welcome the news that at long last the people of California are to have a daily paper. Concerned as I am with the best interests of trade unions, I have been a supporter of the past of the Western Worker; I shall continue to be its supporter when it is converted into a daily.

Yours for a People's Daily,  
CHARLES UPTON.

mors which your correspondent could not confirm that certain of these leaders receive quite tangible remuneration in return for their service to the machine. Nor was it possible to check on the report that the California Eagle is now heavily mortgaged to Sweetman and Lomax, who are behind the campaign against the Sentinel, Reflector, News-Guardian, and competing Negro papers.

In the face of this organized robbery of the Negro people, strong voices are rising to demand removal of its source—the incumbent city administration. These voices point out that Policeman Sweetman is the most vicious, brutal man on the force for Central Avenue duty. The Texas "red neck" is especially efficient in maintaining the taboo against racial intermixture which represents the epitome of Negro oppression.

Standing outside the Lincoln theatre one night, Sweetman and his gang saw fair-complexioned Mrs. A. King in company with her husband. The Texan followed the couple home, insulted them, demanded to know why she was walking the streets with a Negro. After they had explained that they were man and wife and both Negroes, they were freed. But Sweetman offered neither explanation nor apology.

Sweetman is ambitious. He wants to be chief. In order to maintain a basis for support by the Negroes, he aids the Women's Breakfast Club. By paying 20 cents on each 35 cent meal eaten by the Women in this club, he establishes his role as benefactor. The menace of this little glorified Simon Legree is well recognized by progressives in Los Angeles. But the hands are tied by the shrill voice of Mrs. Charlotte Bass, saying: "All is well in the Negro community. No vice exists."

**Changes Coming**  
Despite this betrayal by the prominent Negroes and the brutality of the police department, progressives in Los Angeles are keeping mind the coming elections. At the same time, they are organizing struggles around the real issues which the forces of law and order prefer to ignore: bad housing, jim-crowism, discrimination in places of public accommodation, low wages and long hours, unequal pay for equal work.

These are the reasons the revenue from vice has declined. These are the factors which have driven down the Negro purchasing power, reduced his standard of living, sent him to the relief offices and the soup kitchens. High rents, high prices for cheap goods, and the traditionally lower wages which employers always pay Negro workers, are taking their toll in the health and well-being of Negro children.

Your correspondent predicts that if the Negro people rally around these progressive programs, with their great political and economic strength, they will end this shameful exploitation of the vice barons, bankers and politicians.

## And the Tories Want to Slash Relief Budgets Again



**BODY OF 65-year-old Florence Christopher, penniless Negro woman, being carried from a relief office in New York after she died of a heart attack brought on by notice that her check would be stopped. Conservative estimates place 30 per cent of the Negro urban population as meriting relief. Yet, reaction is mobilized in the extra session of Congress meeting now in Washington to slash relief budgets even further for the sake of "prosperity."**

## Seven Cops Accused in San Berdoo

By WALKER EVANS

SAN BERNARDINO—Terror stalks again in this rich inland city where the agricultural barons rule with an iron hand.

Encouraged by the callous indifference of city officials sworn to protect life and property, organized vigilantes struck here three times last week, attempting to break up a meeting sponsored by the Communist Party, wrecking a workers' bookshop, destroying literature.

Latest investigation indicates that a teamster official led the band of hired thugs attacking the Nov. 8 celebration, that U. S. army privates stationed at March Field took part in the disgraceful melee.

**Investigation Asked**  
Meanwhile, an aggressive campaign to combat the vigilantism has been launched by Party leaders, who, together with other progressives, are demanding:

1. A public investigation of seven police officers, including Chief Joseph H. Hayden, Sergeant A. L. Luce and Patrick J. Tighe, accused of turning their backs while the Nov. 8 meeting was disrupted and speakers attacked.

2. That Mayor C. T. Johnson strike from the city payroll "known vigilantes," including "Butch" of the city engineering department, one of the group that wrecked a radio station here last fall to prevent a Communist candidate for Congress from delivering a scheduled talk.

**Police Chief Grins**  
Police Chief Hayden, when called upon by a committee from the International Labor Defense and Workers' Alliance and apprised of the lawlessness, merely shrugged his shoulders, grinned. "If you're so peaceful, why do you people have to hold meetings?" he demanded, insolently, winking at the cops flanking him.

Asked if he would furnish police protection for a meeting scheduled Nov. 17, at first he refused to commit himself.

**Routine Duties**  
"We will continue to perform our routine duties," he said. "If you have trouble, call the police."

Los Angeles

## CELEBRATE

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## Affairs for the Daily "Western"

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**Evofun Sat., Nov. 20, 8 p.m.**  
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**Wining, Dining, Dancing, Sunday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., 1843 Pine St.** 20 A. D. Brancher C. P., San Francisco.

**A great event, Sun., Nov. 21st, 7 p.m., 20 Flint St.** One-act play, "Little Green Bundle." Two workers' choruses. Refreshments, dancing. Finnish orchestra. Auspices FINNISH WORKERS' CLUB.

**Thanksgiving Festival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., 121 Haight St.** By S. F. Industrial Section.

**Reserve this date: Nov. 27. Cannery Unit Party, 342 Utah St.** Dancing, refreshments, entertainment. Proceeds to Daily Western Worker Drive.

**Old Man Opportunity Knocking.** Birthday celebration for Al Richmond, Editor W. W., Sat., Nov. 27th, 8 p.m., 1848 Pine. Refreshments, Amusements. Admission 11c.

**DINE AND DANCE.** All day restaurant, Sun., Nov. 28, 1848 Pine. Specialty, Hungarian goulash, prepared by Hungarian chef. Other varieties food. Misc. Needle Trades Unit.

**Graduation party, new members' class, Ind. Sect. Dancing, refreshments, drinks, Sun., Nov. 28, 7 p.m., 342 Utah St., 17th & 16th St. Car H or bet.**

**Dance and entertainment. One-act comedy hit, Sat., Dec. 4, 8 p.m., 145 Turk St. Adm. 25c.** Auspices Greek Friends of Labor Press.

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**Spanish Unit—Dance and Speaker, November 20, 8 p.m.** For Western Worker Drive, CIO Hall, 531 11th St., Oakland, Calif.

**HOLD EVERYTHING open for Nov. 28, 2 to 6 p.m.** at Philosophers Club, Oakland. Watch for further announcements.

## Other Affairs

**San Francisco**  
Nov. 26-27-28, King, Ramsay, Connor, Defense, ILA Auxiliary No. 3 Bazaar, Auld's Temple.

**East Bay**  
E. Oakland Br. YCL sponsoring Thanksgiving Mask Dance Sat., Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m., Firmin Hall, 538 24th St., Oakland. Prizes: Best costume. Big apple dance. Adm. 25c.

**Trade Union Party Sat., Dec. 18, 8 p.m., 538 24th St., Oakland.** Fermin Hall. Plenty of good food and dancing.

**Los Angeles**  
Thanksgiving Eve Jamboree—Diana Ballroom, 4067 Pico Blvd. Nov. 24. Adm. 50c. Ausp. UOPWA Local 9.

## AUTONOMY STOLEN FROM L. A. CLEANERS

**Pres. Porter and Teamster Czar Suspend Officers, Meetings, Elections**

LOS ANGELES—Declaration of a "state of emergency," ousting of all officers, and suspension of all meetings of the Cleaners' & Dyers' Union Local 19989, here, was announced last Monday by John Porter, president and present dictator of the local. Sole control of the union is given to Porter under orders of the union's international office. No reason for the yanking of local autonomy was stated.

**Teamster Czars Implicated**  
Deeply implicated, however, were Teamsters' Union officials when Business Agent Morgan stated to the special union meeting called to nominate officers that "from now on all drivers in the Cleaners' & Dyers' Union must belong to the Teamsters' Union and there will be no argument to it."

**Though more than 100 drivers are present, no one obeyed Morgan's order to stand up.**  
Close to 200 "goons," many armed, stood about the room and on the platform with Morgan and Porter. Following Morgan's statement, Porter declared:

**Dictatorship Set Up**  
"From now on all officers in this union are suspended. I have a letter from the International president appointing me in charge of the entire business. 'There will be no more elections. Meetings will be called as I see fit.'"

**Drivers Threatened**  
No drivers signed applications with the Teamsters' Union. An additional 150 "goons" awaited the men as they left the building and warned them that they "had better join in a week or so."

Sam Blumenberg, ousted business agent of the union, hotly protested suspension of local autonomy.

"Never will I belong to any organization of this type where democracy is denied."

San Francisco

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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3rd Tulare	100.00	84.00	84.0	\$ 16.00
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5th Monterey	300.00	249.54	83.0	50.46
6th San Francisco	7500.00	6111.62	81.4	1388.28
7th Sonoma	300.00	235.35	78.3	64.65
8th Merced	150.00	112.50	75.0	37.50
9th Sacramento				
Stockton	600.00	384.90	64.1	215.10
10th Fresno	150.00	90.00	60.0	60.00
11th Alameda	3000.00	1784.31	59.4	1215.69
12th Santa Barbara	500.00	282.24	56.4	217.76
13th San Diego	1000.00	541.12	54.1	458.88
14th San Bernardino	250.00	131.90	52.8	118.10
15th Contra Costa	250.00	107.70	43.0	142.30
16th Fort Bragg	200.00	69.84	35.0	130.16
17th Bakersfield	150.00	39.50	26.3	110.50
18th Eureka	250.00	52.88	21.2	197.12
19th Misc. Calif.	2300.00	517.00	22.4	1783.00
SUB. TOTAL CALIF.	\$30000.00	\$23895.13	79.6	\$6151.34
STATES—				
Utah	\$ 250.00	\$ 109.50	40.4	140.50
Nevada	100.00	29.26	29.2	70.74
Wash., Idaho, Ore.	2775.00	274.47	9.8	2500.53
Arizona	100.00	1.00	1.0	99.00
Misc. Over Quota	1775.00			1775.00
SUB. TOTAL STATES	\$ 5000.00	\$414.23	8.2	\$4585.77
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### WPA WORKER TRICKED ON ZOO PROJECT

San Diego Foreman Got  
\$30 Pay Cut for Man  
With Family

By a WPA Worker  
SAN DIEGO—Unfair discrimination on my project in the Zoo, No. 6247, should be brought to the light of day.

It concerns a Mr. O. F. Brown, who has eight dependents and who is considered one of the most efficient and hardest working painters on our project. He is also one of those who have been longest on the project.

Tricked by Foreman  
On October 13, Brown was the only man transferred, cutting him from \$85 per month to \$55 (less than his SRA budget).

This was done in spite of the fact that he was a member of the Assembly of Democrats, into which organization he had been tricked by his foreman, a man named Burns who had promised him that this would save his job. Burns took Brown's \$5 membership fee in spite of the fact Brown needed the money and has eight mouths to feed.

"Pal" Kept on Job  
A painter named Blaine, who is a friend of the foreman and a newcomer on the project, was kept on the job in place of Brown, although Blaine admits that he never was a painter before in his life. He got the job originally because his aunt, a Mrs. Benchley, is an official at the Zoo.

Foreman Burns is making \$94 a month, is a non-relief case, has no one to support, and his wife is working in private industry, making over \$100 per month.

Burns admits that he "has not drawn a sober breath in years," and he has been nabbed on the project many times with a bottle of liquor. He also admits that he "never does a lick of work," which is certainly the truth.

Burns has been separated many times, but he was always back on the job the next day after going to the Pier and soft-soaping the Assembly of Democrats bigwigs.

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### Oroville Worker Goes to Town for Daily 'Western'

Raises \$10 in Double-Quick Time; Movement to Boycott  
Aggressor Japan Is Spreading in Butte County

BULLETIN!  
OROVILLE, Butte County—I have collected \$4 more for the Daily Western Worker, which I am sending in. I still have some more donations promised. The gang will kick in our quota, I am sure. Everything looks good to me.

By a Worker Correspondent  
OROVILLE, Butte County—I am sending \$6 for the Western Worker Drive. Last Wednesday afternoon it was too windy for me to work, so I took advantage of the opportunity and went out for funds. In a few days I expect to send in some more on

the Western Worker Drive for funds.

Vote to Boycott Japan  
Results are looking brighter now. In the Oroville Independent Club, we took up the Japanese boycott question again. Quite an educational discussion took place and lasted for about four and one-half hours.

We elected a committee to draw up resolutions or a program asking for a boycott on Japanese goods, and these resolutions are to be sent to each and every church, lodge, organization and benevolent group, to the unions and to the trades council.

One leader of a patriotic organization here said such a resolution would be warmly welcomed in their lodge.

Merchants Favor Boycott  
A friend of mine told me just a few hours ago that the merchants here held a meeting, and that there the Japanese boycott question was brought up. They too are for a boycott. So you see we have good chance of attaining good results in a short time, or at least it looks that way now.

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Key System Story  
Facts Are Verified  
Facts in a story declaring the Key System hounded a member of the Inland Boatmen's Union to contribute to the Community Chest, as printed in the issue of Monday, November 15, on the Workers' Correspondence Page, are correct.

After C. D. Bentley, president of Marine Engineers Local 97, came to the Western Worker office last Tuesday, protesting against the story as incorrect, and similar telephone calls came from officials of the Masters, Mates & Pilots and IBU official Stillings, a further check was made on the facts of the story, and they were verified.

Bentley stated the Key System used no coercion, adding: "If they had it coming to them, I'd be the first one to blast them and add more to it, but they haven't got it coming to them."

The story in the "Western" was written by an IBU member,

### FRAME-UP IS SMASHED IN SACRAMENTO

Warehousemen Win in  
Court as 'Goon' Crilly  
Is Convicted, Fined

By a Worker Correspondent  
SACRAMENTO—The trial of four warehousemen, charged with "disturbing the peace" after the cops attacked the picket line in front of the Woodruff Seed Co. warehouse last October 27, was held in the police court before Judge Carrager with Assistant Prosecutor Glenn taking the employers' case. Defendants were Ben Davis, Norris Heil, Elmer Johnson and Sam Wilson. The trial ended in three acquittals and one disagreement by the jury.

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Negro Labor's No. 1 Man



A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and generally recognized as the leading Negro trade unionist, shown addressing the convention of the American Federation of Labor on the matter of continued discrimination against Negroes by the Federation's bureaucracy. Randolph pointed out that as long as Federation Unions refuse to accept Negroes for membership, employers would utilize non-union Negroes for strikebreakers, thus fanning the fires of race hatred and keeping high the profit rate.

### Warns About Men Who Betray Labor

Anti-CIO Leaders Helped Put Mooney in  
Prison, Says Marine Worker

By a Maritime Worker  
SAN FRANCISCO—The storm-trooper tactics at the California State Federation of Labor show that its officials are prepared to use Hitler tactics to terrorize the progressive element. Shelley, terribly beaten by these thugs, has since given up and lives in constant fear of further beatings.

However, the majority of the progressive element cannot be terrorized like Shelley, and this is where they use the "frame" method. Tom Mooney or Warren Billings could not be terrorized; that is why these stooges of the bosses helped frame them.

It is safe to say that these officials are working hand in glove with the police and possibly even today are planning whom they can frame up for a long trip to prison. It is a well known fact that certain officials of both Teamsters Local 85 and Local 265 are working with the police department.

The rank and file of all unions must be on their guard and watch their enemies of labor as they would a mad dog.

These so-called "Teamster officials" have been in control of the powerful Teamsters' Union since the day it was organized, and when one dies, a relative is put in his place. All organizers in the union are appointed by the top officials and the rank and file does not have a word to say.

Helped Frame Mooney  
These agents of the bosses, now under the degenerate leadership of Vandeleur, are again preparing to carry out the wishes of the employers, and all union men and women should do their part in exposing their role to every sincere trade unionist in America.

O'Connell, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council, openly consorted with the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce and ably helped to frame Mooney in 1916.

J. P. McLaughlin, who played a leading role in attempting to smash the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union with an Industrial Assn.-inspired picket line, has long been known as an agent of the bosses. For his part in the 1916 frame-up of Mooney, McLaughlin was appointed Internal Revenue Collector for the port of San Francisco. Later the bosses transferred McLaughlin from that post back to Local 85 as secretary-treasurer, a position he now holds.

Now Fight CIO  
Conboy, a small fry stooge, has an appointed life time pie card as international organizer. These betrayers of Mooney and Billings have now been strengthened by an army of ex-convicts and slugs who are using open terror to halt the organizational drive of the CIO.

Of course, if Mooney is freed, it means the end of their infamous careers within the ranks of organized labor, and they will sabotage any move to free this class war prisoner.

### MEXICAN AND NEGRO PEOPLE ARE SUFFERERS

Engineer Tells Conditions;  
Woman AFL Leader  
Urges CIO Unity

By a Worker Correspondent  
PASADENA—Twenty persons eating and sleeping in a single room! No, that is not in "backward Russia" (to quote the Hearst press), but right here in Pasadena!

A news item in the local press reports that William E. Alworth, engineer for the City Planning Commission, discussed the distribution of Negro and Mexican population in Pasadena before the members of the Metropolitan Business Men's Assn.

He said that in some of these sections, housing conditions are extremely bad with as many as 20 persons eating and sleeping in a single room.

No News to Workers  
While these conditions are reported in a news item, we know that it is not news to the workers and we doubt if it was news to the Business Men's Assn.

We begin to wonder then we get to thinking—a bad thing for the exploiters.

First we wondered if the Planning Commission is really awakening to the needs of the oppressed—dismissed.

Then, we think of the camps for single men and of all the vacant lots that Los Angeles County has bought and is trying to build "pauper colonies" on.

AFL Leader for Unity  
Mrs. Louise B. Hoocker is quoted in this same article as saying the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization will get together and function as one strong organization.

Mrs. Hoocker is described as being one of eight women delegates attending the national convention and that, while she has been a leader in the Pasadena Labor Council for years and a staunch supporter of the Federation, she said she believed William Green had been given some bad advice.

We are acquainted with Mrs. Hoocker and have no reason to question her sincerity and honesty. There are thousands in the AFL like her. With those thousands we have no fight.

William Green's bid to the employers for aid to fight the CIO, indicates who gave him this "bad advice."

Wants 'Pickets,' Too, But Not Like 25 Who Joined  
With CIO Pickets  
By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN BERNARDINO—Intensive organizational activities among retail employees last week involved two more local firms in strikes to force union recognition.

Picketing by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butchers Union continued at the Bear Meat & Provision Co. despite a temporary restraining order issued by Judge Frank A. Leonard at the request of Frank Domecus, market proprietor.

The suit named O. W. Poole, Butchers Union, and A. O. May, business agent of the General Truck Drivers, and 50 John Does, and seeks to collect \$5,000 "damages." Domecus' attorney Julius J. Novack recently represented seven cafe owners in their unsuccessful attempt to break a Culinary Workers strike.

Most of the same cafe owners have since signed up with the Culinary Workers Union.

Business Agent Ben Adams of the Culinary Workers reports their picket line at Wolverton's Cafe, Highland and E Sts., which also began last week, has eliminated practically all patronage from the struck firm. The strike was called when Wolverton discriminated against members of the union, and in hiring necessary new help refused to consider anyone who belonged to the union.

S. F. Candy Union  
Wins Closed Shop  
By a Candy Worker  
SAN FRANCISCO—The workers of the Euclid Candy Co. have finally succeeded, in spite of open shop minded officials, in winning a closed shop agreement.

None but union workers may be hired. They must obtain their jobs through the dispatching office.

This is the second candy shop that has won a closed shop agreement, the Haas Brothers Glazed Fruit & Candy Co. having signed a similar agreement months ago.

### Alliance Is On the Job

Fights Against Railroadings  
of Woman Off Relief

By a WPA Worker  
SAN DIEGO—A Workers Alliance member on the SRA was cut off relief because of a verdict of the Judication Board that she could do any kind of work.

However, she has a very weak ankle which prevents her from staying on her feet for any length of time.

The board is supposed to consist of three doctors who are to make an honest study of the person's health in every case.

Only two doctors were present at the check-up of the woman's physical condition, yet the medical report was signed by three doctors.

Alliance Got Busy  
Furthermore, our client was told she had to sign a perfectly blank form, which she did. Then the two doctors filled in their report afterward.

The Workers Alliance took it up with the SRA, stressing the fact that only two doctors were present and that our client was forced to sign a blank sheet.

The Alliance secured another examination for the woman, while her relief check, which was sent back to San Francisco, has been released to her.

Nat'l Shirt Shop  
Strike Still On

LOS ANGELES—The comparatively young AFL Salesmen's & Haberdashers' Union, after a four-week strike, is still holding a strong picket line in front of seven National Shirt Shops, in spite of various attempts at intimidation and demoralization by the company.

A. B. Carewell, union secretary declared that "through a roundabout, well-camouflaged way to disguise its source, attempts have been made to induce striking workers to acts of violence so the company would be able to obtain an injunction against their effective picket lines."

"Every effort has been made to induce these salesmen to sign separate agreements, renouncing their union. Their answer has been most emphatically 'No!' We'll stay on the picket lines all winter if necessary."



## A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

Unions fight deportation order against CIO Woodworkers' president—Analysis of issues facing Sailors' Union rank and file in three-way ballot—Alaska Cannery condemn tour of labor faker from Japan—U. S. judge pulls "fast one" on Labor Board—Other labor news on regular news pages.

## FIGHT MOVE TO DEPORT PRITCHETT

Unions and Progressives Support President of CIO Woodworkers

SEATTLE—AFL and CIO union locals and all progressive organizations are raising a veritable storm of protests here against the attempt to force Harold Pritchett, president of the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, out of the United States.

The U. S. Immigration first ruled Pritchett must return to Canada by November 22, which would have kept him out of the first IWA constitutional convention, and then, under the storm of protests, notified Pritchett he may stay until December 7.

**Urges Protests**

The IWA convention starts in Portland on December 3. However, the campaign against the ultimatum to Pritchett is carrying on with renewed force. Unions throughout the U. S. are being asked to adopt resolutions in protest to the order, to be sent to Secretary of Labor Perkins and the Immigration Dept. in Washington, D. C.

**Broad Fight Planned**

Congressman John M. Coffee of Tacoma, Wash., and Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach gave prompt assurance of a fight to halt the attempt to deport Pritchett. Labor's Non-Partisan League is also supporting the IWA leader on a national scale. Protest resolutions being adopted point out that Pritchett is not likely to become a "public charge," in view of his trusted position as IWA president. Pritchett is a native of British Columbia.

## Auto Union Asks Poll in GM Plants

Demand Sole Bargaining Rights and 10 Per Cent Wage Increase

DETROIT—The CIO United Auto Workers of America is petitioning the National Labor Relations Board to order a collective bargaining election in General Motors Corp. plants throughout the country, following action of 300 delegates from 60 plants in rejecting a proposed revision of the contract signed last winter.

The convention went on record for further negotiations on union demands for sole collective bargaining rights in all G. M. plants, elimination of the wage differential between North and South and a flat wage increase of 10 per cent. The delegates voted opposition to unauthorized strikes.

## Los Angeles CIO Won't Be Host to Duke and Wally

LOS ANGELES—The Duke of Windsor and Wally will never visit Southern California if they wait for the Committee for Industrial Organization to invite them.

This was definitely evidenced here last Monday when the Industrial Council voted down a motion by Bob Roberts, international organizer of the Rubber Workers' Union, to cable an invitation to the duke and his American bride.

**All Hate Bedaux**

Roberts' proposed cable, though voted down, could have left no doubt in the duke's mind that the speed-up expert Charles Bedaux, was not included in the invitation.

After his motion had been voted down, Roberts declared he was not particularly displeased by the action, that it was of no special concern to him whether the duke came to California or not, and that no one could have more contempt for Bedaux than himself.

**ELECTION STUDY**

LENINGRAD—To study the new electoral law which will be used for the first time in the coming December elections for the Supreme Soviet, 12,268 classes have been organized in this city.

**Business Agent  
Bob Says**

AN ALASKA cannery worker tells me the story of a certain local politician who was "accused by a friend of lying the election."

## Vital Issues Face Sailors in Ballot

What "Independent" Status AFL and CIO Offer in Three-Way Poll

On December 1, the Sailors Union of the Pacific will start balloting in a three-way referendum: to "remain independent," to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, or to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The main issues facing the Sailors' rank and file are:

1. The threat of the U. S. Maritime Commission to set up compulsory arbitration along lines of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act.

2. National unity for unlicensed seamen to win uniform and better wage agreements and conditions.

3. Building a National Maritime Federation to unite all maritime workers to defeat the shipowners' attacks, and to win better conditions.

What "independent" status, CIO affiliation and AFL affiliation have to offer the SUP membership, on these and other issues, follow:

### "Independent" Way

1. No effective fighting force to oppose the shipowners' threat to put over compulsory arbitration law; the so-called "independent" bloc in the SUP fights tooth and nail to keep William Green from being condemned for endorsing the Maritime Mediation Board.

2. Directly opposed to national unity for the unlicensed seamen—with the Marine Cooks & Stewards, who have voted CIO; with the Marine Firemen, who are balloting on CIO with the National Maritime Union, 59,000 strong on the East and Gulf Coasts and on the Great Lakes.

3. Directly opposed to a National Maritime Federation, for unity with the unlicensed seamen, the licensed crafts, the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, and those rank and file progressives of the East Coast and Gulf longshoremen who are fighting to overthrow the gangster dictatorship of Joseph P. Ryan.

4. The "back door" into the AFL—the "independent" bloc in the SUP is responsible for keeping delegates in the AFL Central Labor Council (and practically boycotting Maritime Federation District Council No. 2), and for one of its members sitting on the Resolutions Committee in the 1937 State AFL convention.

### The AFL Way

1. AFL President William Green endorses the Maritime Mediation Board and indicates to congressmen and senators that the AFL officialdom favors the compulsory arbitration bill being proposed to the current special session of Congress by the U. S. Maritime Commission; the AFL officialdom supported and helped father the Copeland Bill and Fink Book.

2. During and ever since the 1934 strike, the AFL officialdom has fought national unity of the seamen, cooperation between crafts, and has supported the rotten Scharrnberg-Hunter-Grange clique against which the East Coast and Gulf seamen were forced to rebel and set up their own rank and file controlled National Maritime Union.

3. The AFL officials refused to recognize the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and have blocked every move to try and organize a National Maritime Federation.

4. They expelled the SUP, another part of their strikebreaking and undemocratic policies.

## THE CIO WAY

1. The CIO is giving full support to the fight against the Maritime Commission's compulsory arbitration proposal; at its recent national conference in Atlantic City, went on record demanding the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation desist from applying the Marine Disaster Law against unions, and demanding the Secretary of Commerce immediately nullify all investigations and prosecutions of seamen conducted up to the present time under this act.

2. The CIO has offered its assistance to the unlicensed seamen in achieving national unity, and is calling a nation-wide convention to be held in San Francisco next January 27 to make national unity a reality.

3. The CIO is giving full cooperation to the movement for a National Maritime Federation, which will be discussed at the January 27 convention.

4. During the fight against the Copeland Fink Book, John L. Lewis sent a communication on behalf of the CIO to the government hearings, condemning the Fink Book.

5. The CIO is financing a drive to organize the Great Lakes seamen 100 per cent.

## L. A. Open Shopper Loses to Fur Union

LOS ANGELES—Open-shop forces in the fur industry here, have suffered a set-back by signing of an agreement with the Maurice Ball, Inc., 424 West 7th St.

This firm, considered one of the most important fur establishments in the City of Los Angeles, has resisted the union for a number of years. Since last year, the Fur Workers Local 8 kept a picket line at the establishment which was so effective that the employer applied for a restraining order and subsequently procured a permanent injunction.

The newly signed agreement provides union recognition, of the union, 15-20 per cent wage increase, reduction in hours from 48 to 35, time and a half for overtime.

Local 87 is driving to make Los Angeles 100 per cent union in the fur trade.

## Steel Union Fights Consolidated Corp.

LOS ANGELES—Filed with the National Labor Relations Board here last week was a complaint against the Consolidated Steel Corp., located in Maywood, charging discrimination against CIO members and fostering a company union.

Ivan Hunter, secretary of the Steel Workers' Union, stated that most of the 60 to 70 workers laid off late last week were CIO members.

From another source came reports that company officials had declared: "We are going to weed out all CIO members at Consolidated."

## PROTEST WAR EXHIBITS FOR EXPOSITIONS

Agriculture Unions Ask U. S. Appropriations to Show Labor Problems

SAN FRANCISCO—Expressing indignation over the fact that appropriations for the New York and San Francisco Expositions are being given largely to the War Department and Navy Department at the expense of exhibits representing labor problems, a resolution in protest has been sent to all locals in District 2, CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

**Ask Concurrence**

Going to locals in California, Arizona and Hawaii with a request for concurrence, the resolution states:

Whereas, prior to the New York and San Francisco Exposition appropriation bills it had been customary to appoint a commission to have the distribution of government exposition funds composed of: The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce and Interior; and

Whereas, last fall because of petitions sent by numerous labor groups to their respective national congressmen, the appropriation bills for both the San Francisco and New York expositions replaced the Secretary of State with the Secretary of Labor; and

**Under Walsh-Healy Act**

Whereas, these labor groups went to this trouble for a number of reasons, principal of which were:

First—That all construction of government exposition buildings comes under the Walsh-Healy Act and, as enforcement of labor act is relegated to the Secretary of Labor, it appeared there would be less difficulty with the Labor Secretary on the Commission;

Second—That at the Chicago, the San Diego, the Cleveland and the Dallas expositions, the Department of Labor was not given anywhere near the amount of money to construct and maintain an exhibit as other departments, the labor groups felt that with the Secretary of Labor on the commission, labor would be assured of its just and fair share of funds and exhibit space; and

**For War Propaganda**

Whereas, it happens that numerous labor officials have visited the exhibits as maintained at the aforementioned expositions and upon many occasions have expressed verbally and by letter the opinion "that those exhibits have already accomplished much in promoting better understanding for the necessity of adequate labor laws, compensation, sanitary working conditions, and short hours with good wages;" and

Whereas, at this time the fundamentals of all the great issues before the nation concern labor problems, it seems only reasonable that Labor problems should receive the attention that is being focused upon the war and navy departments in order that the people of America be given an opportunity to learn truths that so often have been misrepresented;

**Write Sec'y Perkins**

Therefore be it resolved that it is for the good interests of San Francisco, New York and other labor groups to write Secretary Perkins and urge that no effort be spared to secure a financial allotment equal to any other government agency so that it will be possible for the Department of Labor to construct and maintain an outstanding exhibit at both New York and San Francisco.

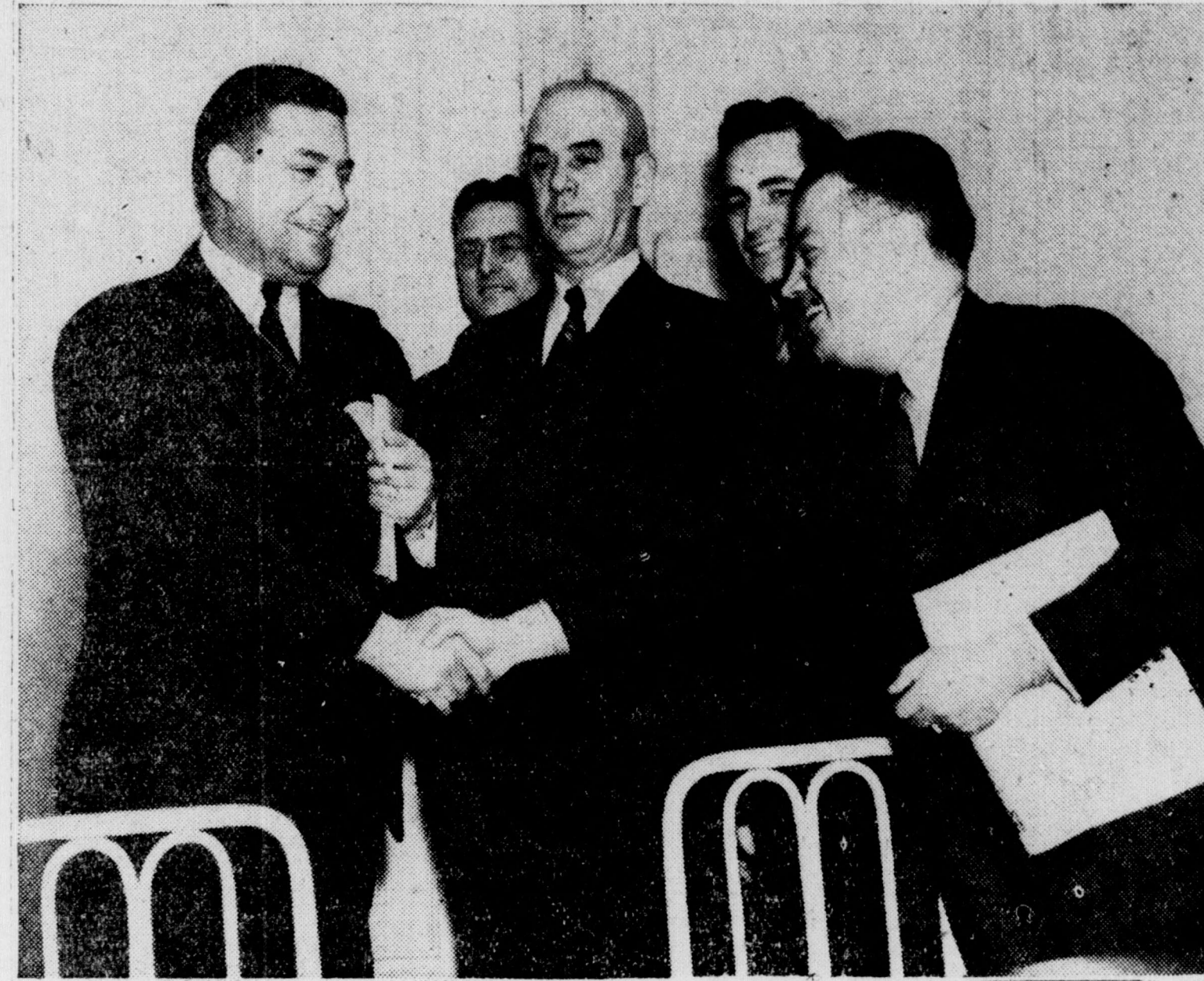
## Alaska Cannery Aid Labor Causes

SAN FRANCISCO—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union has voted to donate \$10 a month to the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, until the Spanish government drives out fascism. The union also voted \$25 to the Committee to Boycott Japanese Goods, and \$25 to the cannery strike in Petersburg, Alaska.

**STUDENTS URGE AID**

BRUSSELS—Two thousand students of Brussels University demonstrated against Japanese aggression in China and adopted a resolution calling on the Nine-Power Conference, assembled there, to take action on the barbarous crimes committed by the Japanese army.

## As Labor Peace Conference Opened



PRES. DAVID DUBINSKY (right), Ladies' Garment Workers, greets President George M. Harrison (left), Railway Clerks, as committee representing the AFL and the CIO meet to attempt a settlement of their differences. Looking on are Chairman Philip Murray (center), Steel Workers Organizing Committee; Pres. Homer Martin (left background), Automobile Workers, and Pres. James Carey, Electrical, Radio and Machinery Workers.

## Point of Order

A Trade Union Column  
By JOHN BROMAN

WHO RUNS the Community Chest in San Francisco? When some of its representatives went down to the waterfront to beg that the boycott of the Chest be called off, they let the cat out of the bag.

"We can't give you an appropriation for the Union Recreation Center," they said in effect. "The 'big fellows' up town won't let us. They told us that if we gave an appropriation to the URC, they wouldn't give us any donations."

The "big fellows," of course, are the open-shoppers, the bit or enemies of labor, who are quite willing to see funds go to such semi-militarist youth organizations as the Boy Scouts, and, in days past, to the anti-labor Seamen's Institute. But they weren't going to see any money go to union-sponsored recreation, if they could help it.

### Company Unions a la Green

"AFL UNION, COMPANY TO FIGHT NLRB," said a recent headline in the local press, above a story dealing with the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York case.

The headline might have been transposed and still have been true. "AFL COMPANY UNION TO FIGHT NLRB." Here are the facts. Several years ago the independent Brotherhood of Utility Employees was established at Consolidated Edison, which company tried to force its employees into a company union. In March, 1936, the independent union affiliated to the AFL Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. A year later it switched to the CIO United Radio, Electrical & Machine Workers Union, with a large number of the 30,000 employees in its ranks.

Last April, Floyd Carlisle, Edison president, told the company union "employee representatives" their union was dissolved, and renounced the company would recognize the IBEW. Carlisle signed up with the AFL, despite the fact that it had hardly any members among Edison employees.

### Stoolpigeon's "Line"

THE Labor Board decided that IBEW representatives functioned like company union officials, being paid by the company while doing IBEW work full time and "utilizing the company's expense account."

Yet IBEW President Dan W. Tracy has the gall to charge that "the sanctity of all contracts entered into by labor unions and employers is jeopardized by the biased, bigoted and dictatorial action of the Labor Board."

Tracy is following the line laid down by Judge Joseph Padbury at the AFL convention. Justly described as "a highly-paid stool pigeon representing both the AFL officials and the Wisconsin employers," Padbury was hurriedly brought to Denver by airplane to attack the Wagner Act and the NLRB.

Padbury warned against elections in industry, saying: "You are better off to see it (the Wagner Act) repealed—to go back to the old order."

## U. S. Judge Sets Shady Precedent

Restrained Hearing Against Walnut Growers Without Notice to NLRB

LOS ANGELES—Federal Judge Cosgrave established a somewhat shady precedent here last Monday when he granted a temporary injunction restraining the National Labor Relations Board from hearing the case of the CIO Agricultural Workers Union against the walnut growers.

Both Towne J. Nylander, NLRB regional director, and John Walsh, board attorney, declared they had not been notified of the pending injunction.

**Judge Pulled "Fast One"**

"They told us there had not been time in spite of the fact that Judge Cosgrave's Court is separated from our offices by two floors," declared Walsh.

A hearing to find if the injunction shall be made permanent is slated for November 22 in Judge Cosgrave's court in the Pacific Electric Bldg, 6th and Main Sts.

"We are not worried about the outcome," said Walsh. "We've had 93 injunctions against us and we've won 90 of them; two are still pending."

**Intimidated Workers**

The petitioner was an individual walnut farmer named E. C. Kimball of Ventura County. He told the court that a hearing at this time could only disrupt "the peaceful conditions that exist between the walnut growers and their employees."

The employees, however, have a different story, for they have charged that the Walnut Growers' Assn. has fostered a company union, coerced and intimidated union members and even fired eight girls, shellers, for refusing to join a company union.

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**Stacked Deck**

Obviously, the Maritime Commission is a stacked deck as far as seamen are concerned. It's loaded dice. Big business doesn't play unless the deck is stacked and the dice are loaded in its favor. And the Maritime Commission is a plaything of big business.

Sh. every seaman knew it wouldn't be long until the Maritime Commission had dipped its hands into the dirty business of ship subsidies and attempted to pull out a fat plum or two for the shipowners.

**Be On Guard**

A CIO bulletin states: "Paper workers, be on your guard. Don't swallow this bait offered by the company, under the guise of an AFL contract. Ask yourselves these questions: Why is the employer plugging for the AFL Teamster contract? What is the employer getting in return for services rendered?"

"We again want to point out to all members and workers in the paper industry the necessity and advantages in having only one union in that field. Already San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, and Eureka paper warehouse workers are in the ILWU and are enjoying the 70c per hour minimum. Don't break the link in Los Angeles. Stand by your brothers in the North."

**NERVOUS POLICE**

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Determined to prevent any demonstration of solidarity with the Soviet Union, city police searched 12,000 persons and made several hundred arrests in the local workers' districts on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the USSR.

## U. S. TOUR BY JAPAN LABOR FAKER SCORED

Alaska Union Urges Doors Be Closed to Suzuki, Spokesman for War

SAN FRANCISCO—The planned tour of the United States by Bunji Suzuki is designed "to misrepresent the Japanese workers and to confuse the American people," declares a resolution adopted by the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, condemning the tour. The resolution reads:

"Whereas: A Mr. Bunji Suzuki, arch labor faker and a member of the Japanese Diet, which is a part of the Japanese militarist machine waging a war of aggression against the Chinese people, is arriving in San Francisco to make a tour of this country and appeal to labor to support Japan's present act of aggression, and

**Betrayed Workers**

"Whereas: Bunji Suzuki, together with others like him, has given full support to the militarist war against China and has betrayed the workers of Japan, who love peace and democracy, and

"Resolved: That the Alaska Cannery Workers Union goes on record condemning this misrepresentation and betrayal of Japanese labor, and be it further

**Spokesman for War**

"Resolved: That the Alaska Cannery Workers Union calls upon all trade unions in this country to close their doors to this spokesman for war and fascism, and be it finally

"Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be introduced in the next meeting of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation and the San Francisco District Industrial Union Council and that copies be sent to the labor and daily press."

At the last union meeting, Louis Goldblatt, CIO Northern California director, inducted the newly elected officials of the ACWU into office and installed the new United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America charter.

Every "Western" Reader Be a "Western" Staff-Member!

## Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

IT'S ONE HELL of a note when American seamen—who are every bit as good citizens of this glorious land as its chief owner, Morgan—have to wage a continuous struggle for the right to eat, sleep and live as they see fit.

It's a hell of a note, too, when a government body such as the Maritime Commission, set up under the guise of aiding seamen—as well as shipowners—almost from the first day of its inauguration, attacks the seamen and fondly does the shipowners' dirty work for them.

Of course no seaman was ever fooled by the posings of the Maritime Commission. How in the devil could you expect a commission, composed of retired naval officers, wealthy business men and cheap politicians, ever to see things a seaman's way?

**Get Busy!**

Do YOU want compulsory arbitration? Do you want to be kicked out of the maritime industry to be replaced by some half-baked, half-trained land-lubber who has "been to sea" in a Coast Guard training school? Do you want to see your union smashed, the hiring hall abolished? Do you want your wages slashed? Do you want the right to strike stolen from you?

Of course you don't! Then get busy! Arrange to have West Coast lobbyists in Washington when the special session of congress opens. Protest the dirty maneuverings of the Maritime Commission. Demand the anti-union pot-puts on the commission be replaced by representatives of your own choosing—of your own class.

**Above All, Unite**

And above all, unite! Get into the National Maritime Federation that is being built under the CIO. This Federation is going to be established and more than 75,000 American seamen have said so. This is no time to talk "independence." An "independent" at this time is just like a straggler in battle—he's damned easy to pick off. He's meat for the enemy.

Isn't it courting disaster to talk "independence" at a time when all the forces of big business and government are united and leveled against the maritime unions?

This is a time to forget personal beefs. It would be a hell of a note if six or seven thousand militant seamen of the SUP were to be sacrificed on the altar of personal antagonism. But that's what is going to happen unless the SUP rank and file takes matters in its own hands and decides to cooperate with the East Coast, the Gulf and the West Coast majority.

Unite! Send representatives to Washington! Protest the actions of the Maritime Commission! And do it now!